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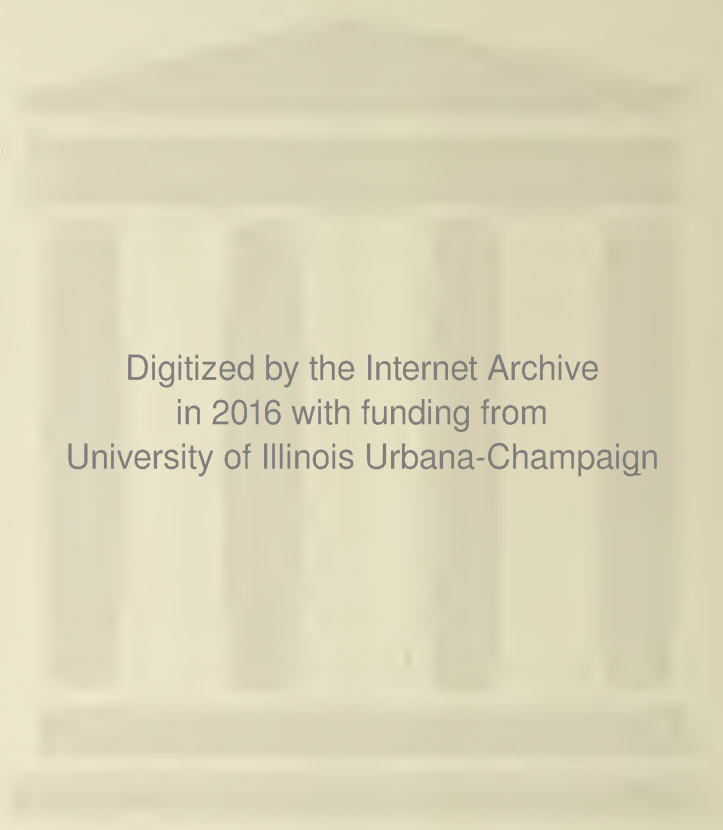


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## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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*To His Honor the Mayor, and the City Council of Newton,  
Mass.:—*

For the details of the operation of the Newton Free Library for the year ending December 31st, 1885, the Trustees ask reference to the report of the Superintendent, herewith submitted. His report is so full and comprehensive that the Trustees can add but little thereto. They approve and confirm the views and recommendations therein set forth.

It is with constantly renewing pleasure that the Trustees witness from year to year, the steady growth in efficiency and usefulness of the library as an educator. They commend to the careful consideration of the City Council, what the Superintendent says in his report in regard to the arrangement made during the past year with the masters of the city schools, for supplying them with books suited to the various classes in the schools, and to be used as aids to the teachers' instructions.

Tables A and B, in the appendix to the Superintendent's report, show the receipts the past year to have been, from appropriations made by the City Council,		\$7,500 00
Balance from last year,		38
From fines, etc.,		348 64
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		\$7,849 02
The expenditures for the same period,		7,847 47
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Leaving a balance at the close of the year of		\$ 1 55

There has also been expended during the year, from the income derived from the "Jewett Art Fund,"	\$318 78
From the "Alden Speare Fund,"	57 80
And from the "Read Fund,"	401 19
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	\$777 77

The accounts of these several funds are kept separate and entirely distinct from the appropriations made by the City Council from the City Treasury. Isaac T. Burr, Esq., is treasurer of the "Jewett Art" and "Alden Speare," and A. Lawrence Edmands, Esq., of the "Read Fund." The income derived from these funds is of great service in enabling the Trustees to procure works on science and art that are necessarily costly and which they could not so well procure under the limited appropriations from the City Treasury.

The gifts and bequests to the library, which were the foundations on which these funds are based, were intended by the donors as means for *enlarging* its usefulness, and not with any idea or expectation that the City Council would, because or by reason of such bequests or gifts, reduce the amount of the appropriation asked for annually by the Trustees for its support, as was the case last year, when the appropriation was reduced five hundred dollars from that of the previous year, it having been then urged, in favor of such reduction, that the income to be derived from the "Read Fund" would make up for the reduction in the city's appropriation.

It was very gratifying to the Trustees to learn that the appropriation for the current year had been restored to the amount they asked for, and they sincerely hope that no diminution will be made hereafter in the city's annual appropriation for the library, by reason of any donations or bequests it has received or may be fortunate enough to obtain in the future.

The Trustees would again urge on the City Council the pressing necessity for an immediate enlargement of the library building. Plans for the proposed enlargement, and the pressing necessity therefor, were submitted last autumn to a committee of the City Council. That committee made favorable report thereon. The Trustees respectfully ask your attention to their petition in the matter and to the report of the late City Council's committee thereon, in the hope that early and favorable action may be had.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees,

JOHN S. FARLOW, President.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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*To the Board of Trustees of the Newton Free Library:—*

GENTLEMEN:—The appropriation asked by the Trustees of the Library for last year was \$8,500, in accordance with a carefully revised schedule of expenses, but the City Council appropriated only \$7,500. By delaying the publication of a bulletin, the want of which has been severely felt by the patrons of the library, by postponing the rebinding of many books requiring it, by using the funds given by a generous citizen for the benefit of the library, which ought to be devoted to special purposes, and by employing the services of one important assistant only half of her time, we have been able to supply the library with the current publications of the year, and to make a little progress in securing for our shelves what is lacking in general literature. As many of the books supplied in duplicates for the public schools were small and comparatively inexpensive, and a large number of gifts have been received, we shall show as great an increase in the number of volumes added to our shelves the present year as heretofore. The total accessions for the year have been 1576. One hundred and twenty-two volumes, chiefly worn out, have been withdrawn from circulation, making the net increase 1,454.

Among the valuable donations which have been received are all the volumes, with the exception of two, necessary to complete a full set of the Congressional Globe. We have also a complete file of the Congressional Record. Our thanks are due to the Secretary of the Interior, who has given spe-

cial attention to the completion of sets of public documents in the large libraries of the country. Ex-Mayor Pulsifer, not for the first time, has placed us under special obligations by the gift of a full set of Hunt's Merchants' Magazine. There are other valuable sets of bound periodicals that our citizens possibly find crowding their home shelves, that will be most gratefully welcomed in the ampler accommodations of the library. We have hoped to receive a set of the Gentleman's Magazine, now so expensive and difficult to obtain in a complete series.

There are now in the library 23,309 volumes. The very full and instructive tables given at the close of the report will show the care with which the different classes of literature have received additions during the year, and the growing demand for substantial and improving reading in the community. Of fiction and juvenile books, 188 volumes have been added; of travel and geography, 149; of biography, 139; of history, 184; of natural and social science, 254; of theology, 35; of essays, poetry and drama, 126. Two hundred and seventeen volumes have been added to the reference library. The circulation of books has enjoyed a wholesome increase during the past year. In the last three months 1761 volumes over the number sent out during the same period of the previous year, were distributed. The largest daily circulation was 541, March 14th, and the smallest, 71, on August 8th, when a very violent storm occurred. There have been in all 13,533 names registered to draw books from the library. Last year a new register was opened and the registration of all the patrons was required. The object of the registration was not at once understood, and some little embarrassment and temporary decrease in circulation was occasioned. The new regulation commenced June 8th, and the signatures reached 3,444 at the close of the year.

There have been, during the year, 83,938 volumes delivered from the library for home use, while constantly the inconvenient accommodations of Edmands' Hall have been used, with much discomfort, by many persons examining a large number of authorities for special purposes. All these will bear emphatic testimony to the urgency of the call for the additional rooms in the rear of the present buildings, for which, we are grateful to know, that a favorable report has been made to the City Council, by the Committee on Public Property of last year.

This growing and important use of the library for reference, suggests also the occasion for the annual increase of other than the current publications of the day. It is to the Public Library that our citizens come for any special and extended line of study and investigation. Few private libraries can meet these necessities. In his inimitable discourse, delivered at the opening of the new Public Library building in Chelsea, Hon. James Russell Lowell said: "A public library, of course, must be far wider in its scope. It should contain something for all tastes, as well as the material for a thorough grounding in all branches of knowledge. It should be rich in books of reference, in encyclopedias, \* \* \* \* it should contain stores of history, which, if it do not always deserve the pompous title which Bolingbroke gave it,—of philosophy teaching by example—certainly teaches many things profitable for us to know and lay to heart." It is just here, even with our present quite large collection, that we feel our limitations as a consulting and educating library for the people. Mr. Lowell says in the same address, "the opening of a free library is a most important event in the history of a town. A college training is an excellent thing, but after all, the better part of every man's education is that which he gives himself, and it is for this that a good library should fur-



nish the opportunity and the means." It is becoming more and more the excellent custom in our community to take up courses of study and reading in history, philosophy, *belles lettres*, or science. Particular eras of history are carefully studied. We are endeavoring to fill up our catalogue with the standard works in these various lines, but even in the historical literature of our own country there are many ungrateful gaps that we are seeking to close.

It is this higher office of the library that we are glad to know is becoming more and better appreciated. Mr. Lowell says:—"Formerly the duty of the librarian was considered too much that of a watch dog, to keep people as much as possible away from the books, and to hand them over to his successor as little worn by use as he could. Librarians now, it is pleasant to see, have a different notion of their trust, and are in the habit of preparing lists of such books as they think best worth reading." A very important branch of such a work as this, with no ordinary zeal, labor and intelligence, has been undertaken by the Librarian of this institution.

It has been for a number of years a question of interesting discussion among the managers and officers of public libraries, especially during the sessions of the American Library Association, how, not simply to keep the free library from becoming an embarrassment and injury to school children, but how, with the cooperation of the teachers, to make it a positive aid and to create, if possible, among them a taste for improving literature.

A very successful experiment of this character has been tried for the last three months in connection with the Newton Free Library. The plan, as yet, has been introduced into but a portion of the schools, but will be at once into the others. Masters and teachers offer us their heartiest cooperation and are warm in their expressions of interest and confi-



dence in the undertaking. The principal of the Bigelow School, Mr. H. C. Sawin, writes, in a note to the Superintendent, "I am very glad to welcome the Public Library as an ally to the Public School. In years past I have considered it antagonistic to the interests of the pupils, believing, with Dr. Taylor, of Andover, that 'scholars, while attending school, have no time for desultory reading,' but the efforts of the friends both of the library and the school, in Worcester, Providence, Boston, and more recently in our own city, are making the library one of the most efficient aids in the mental development of the young. The plan recently adopted and put in practice, of furnishing the teachers with a number of books relating to the subjects taught in the schools, will accomplish the two-fold object of illustrating and giving interest to the regular school work, and of guiding the pupil in the art of reading well. Mr. James Russell Lowell says, in his recent address, 'I sometimes think that our public schools undertake to teach too much, and that the older systems, which taught the three R's and taught them well, leaving natural selection to decide who should go farther, is better.' In educational work there is no sign more hopeful than the new relation of the public library to the public school, making it possible for the instructor of youth to teach the first and most important of the three R's more successfully. Hoping that the results of your efforts to aid the schools in their work will be all that can be desired, so that you will be encouraged to devise yet more liberal things for them, I remain sincerely yours.'

Each public school teacher receives ten cards upon which to draw books for his class from the library. The teacher sends to the library a list of topics which are being studied in the class, and asks that some works suited to the grade of the pupils may be sent to the school. The following list was

received from a grammar school master: "Please send me books on Mound Builders, Early Discoveries, Columbus, North American Indians, Colonial History, U. S. Constitution, U. S. Coinage, John Smith, Insects, China and Japan." Another teacher asks for books upon South America, as that is the portion of the globe which they have reached in their geography; and still another seeks for books upon Asia. Books are especially desired upon animals, particularly stories about them, for the younger classes. Works upon physics, geology, mineralogy, poetry, history, biography, in short any possible helps which the library can afford, are freely offered and zealously used. To give some idea of the character of the new reading among our school children, we append, at the close of the report, a list of the books which have already been placed in circulation among them. There have been many books of travel, science, history and biography, written and compiled within a short period, especially for the reading of young people and children. These works are finely illustrated and are calculated to arrest the attention of young readers, and to lend fresh interest and value to the study of their text-books. Many of the books are used by the teachers as rewards for good lessons, the children being permitted to take them home, or to read them in school after the lessons are completed. The librarian makes a personal visit to the schools, invites a short meeting with the teachers and explains the method of working with the library. This has never failed to awaken the interest of the teachers, and often arouses enthusiasm in the work. The immediate good accomplished in quickening the interest of pupils in their school studies, is but a small part of the beneficial results that must follow such an effort, if perseveringly continued. More than in any other way will a generation be trained up to relish and demand something besides a fictitious and sensational litera-

ture. The children discover what interesting books there are in the library, they copy the numbers upon their own cards, and we find them selecting these for their home reading. The teachers eagerly avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by their additional cards. One teacher tells us of a lad who had never accomplished anything in school until aroused by the inspiration of the illustrative books, in which he became greatly interested. Superintendent Emerson assures us of the enthusiasm awakened among the teachers of the schools over the new plan of reference books from the library. During the year the arrangement which has been so successfully effected in a few of the schools, will be introduced throughout the city.

In the three months in which the delivery to the schools has been made, 568 books have been issued to them. But six of the schools have as yet been visited, and some of those not until November, showing that the teachers generally have availed themselves of the privilege.

Last September the American Library Association held a very interesting and practical conference at Lake George, extending through several days, with representatives from libraries from all portions of the country, from the Dominion of Canada, and from Great Britain. The Superintendent and Librarian of the Newton Library enjoyed the profitable opportunity of attending these sessions. The reports of papers read and of the proceedings, fill one hundred and sixty quarto pages of the Library Journal. The discussions covers almost every point of interest in the construction and administration of libraries. No educational movement of the hour is attracting more attention. Immense sums, as of late in Chicago, and for the Pratt Library in Baltimore, are being devoted to the construction of public libraries, and soon hardly a considerable town will be without one. The college is local

and from its requirement of large endowments is not, and need not be, established except in accessible centres for large districts. But the library, like the public school, is becoming the necessity rather than the luxury of every town, and will necessarily have a large share in the advanced and practical education of the people. In the United States there are more than 5,000 public libraries, numbering over 300 volumes each. In them are collected more than 13,000,000 volumes of books. Over 500,000 are annually added to the number, more than 10,000,000 are distributed annually, with an expense of administration of over \$1,500,000.

Our city is fortunate, without any large outlay, to have a good foundation for a library that will easily keep pace with the wants of a rapidly growing and cultivated community. With the appropriation which the City Council has made this year, we shall be able to show good progress in every department.

Our library force remains the same as heretofore, and we trust it may continue through the year. Having had the charge of the books from the opening of the library, the lady assistants have an intelligent knowledge of its contents, and are eager to aid our patrons in availing themselves of all its facilities.

With the exception of the additional structure, which we trust will not be delayed beyond the opening of the season, there are no extraordinary outlays required for the current year.

We submit, in connection with this report, the usual tables and general estimate of expenses for the coming twelve months, and remain respectfully,

BRADFORD K. PEIRCE,  
*Superintendent*

## APPENDIX.

### A.

RECEIPTS.	1885.	1884.	1883.
Dec. 31.			
Municipal appropriation . . .	\$7,500 00	\$8,000 00	\$8,500 00
Fines, bulletins, etc. . . . .	348 64	336 57	329 32
Cash on hand at last report . .	38	3 65	49 07
	<u>\$7,849 02</u>	<u>\$8,340 22</u>	<u>\$8,878 39</u>

### B.

EXPENDITURES.	1885.	1884.	1883.
Dec. 31.			
Salaries . . . . .	\$3,333 33	\$3,599 61	\$3,611 94
Reading-room . . . . .	400 46	383 39	345 12
Incidentals . . . . .	247 13	267 43	300 22
Repairs . . . . .	41 96	69 90	22 00
Furniture and fixtures . . . .	61 75	12 41	53 19
Printing and advertising . . .	129 37	35 25	306 50
Binding . . . . .	127 55	246 52	252 11
Books . . . . .	1,490 81	1,673 71	2,013 44
Light and fuel . . . . .	765 03	709 81	696 15
Distributing agencies and express	1,204 25	1,177 00	1,140 99
Blanks and stationery . . . .	32 06	153 56	110 93
Postage account . . . . .	13 77	11 21	22 14
Total expenditure . . . . .	<u>\$7,847 47</u>	<u>\$8,339 79</u>	<u>\$8,874 73</u>
Bal. with City Treasurer . \$ 02			
at the Library . . . . . 1 53			
Total balance . . . . .	<u>1 55</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>3 66</u>
	<u>\$7,849 02</u>	<u>\$8,340 22</u>	<u>\$8,878 39</u>

## C.

CIRCULATION.	1885.	1884.	1883.
Number of days the Library was open . . . . .	306	307	306
of holidays the Library was closed . . . . .	7	7	7
of other week-days the Library was closed . . . . .	. .	. .	. .
of volumes delivered for home use . . . . .	83,938	83,261	83,430
Average daily use . . . . .	274.3	271.2	272.7
Largest daily use, March 14, 1885,	541	. .	. .
March 1, 1884,	. .	544	. .
Mar. 17 & 31, 1883,	. .	. .	505
Smallest daily use, Aug. 8, 1885,	71	. .	. .
Nov. 19, 1884,	. .	144	. .
Aug. 16, 1883,	. .	. .	144
Number of books lost and not paid for . . . . .	7	8	10
of books lost and paid for . . . . .	1	1	4
of books worn out and withdrawn . . . . .	114	62	46
of notices to delinquents, . . . . .	424	797	787
of volumes re-covered . . . . .	10,829	8,945	11,047
of volumes bound . . . . .	237	335	465
of names registered during the year . . . . .	3,834	885	850
Total number of names registered to June 8* . . . . .	13,533	13,146	12,261
Total number of names registered since June 8, * . . . . .	3,447	. .	. .

\* A new registry was commenced June 8.



## D.

ACCESSIONS.	1885.	1884.	1883.
Increase by purchase . . . . .	1,240	1,183	1,073
by gift . . . . .	220	111	93
by binding pamphlets . . . . .	. .	9	1
by binding periodicals . . . . .	116	76	79
Number of missing volumes re- stored since last report . . . . .	. .	1	. .
Total accessions for the year . . . . .	1,576	1,380	1,246
Number of volumes missing or withdrawn since last report . . . . .	122	71	60
Actual increase . . . . .	1,454	1,309	1,186
Number of volumes in the Library as last reported . . . . .	21,855	20,546	19,360
Total number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	23,309	21,855	20,546
Number of pamphlets bound since last report . . . . .	. .	49	5
Number of newspapers subscribed for . . . . .	39	42	42
of newspapers given . . . . .	4	19	20
of magazines subscribed for . . . . .	54	33	36
of magazines given . . . . .	7	4	2
Total number received . . . . .	94	98	100

## E.

CLASSIFICATION, GROWTH, SIZE, AND USE.	Increase during the Year.	Total number of Volumes.	Volumes issued during the Year.	PER CENT. OF CIRCULATION.		
				1885.	1884.	1883.
<i>Literature.</i>						
Prose, fiction and juvenile reading . . . . .	188	5,220	56,576	67.4	67.25	68.1
Essays, poetry and drama . . . . .	126	2,808	5,773	6.88	6.95	6.4
Periodicals . . . . .	151	1,659	1,703	2.03	2.	2.03
Foreign literature . . . . .	11	474	281	.34	.35	3.
<i>History.</i>						
Geography and travels . . . . .	149	2,132	5,997	7.14	7.33	6.9
Biography . . . . .	139	2,207	3,209	3.82	3.76	3.7
History . . . . .	184	2,166	4,009	4.78	4.63	4.4
<i>Arts and Sciences.</i>						
Natural science and industrial arts . . . . .	179	2,226	4,921	5.86	5.77	5.9
Political and social science . . . . .	75	1,177	577	.69	.6	.5
Theology . . . . .	35	1,039	697	.83	1.	.83
Reference library . . . . .	217	2,201	195	.23	.16	.12
Accessions for the year	1,454	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	. .	23,309	. .	. .	. .	. .
Circulation for the year . . . . .	. .	. .	83,938	. .	. .	. .



## F.

Received for catalogues sold in 1885 . . . . .	\$13 00
Paid City Treasurer . . . . .	\$13 00

## G.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1886.

Salaries . . . . .	\$3,612
Reading-room . . . . .	350
Incidentals . . . . .	200
Repairs . . . . .	50
Furniture and fixtures . . . . .	50
Printing and advertising . . . . .	100
“     bulletin . . . . .	100
Binding . . . . .	260
Books . . . . .	2,000
Light and fuel . . . . .	700
Distributing agencies and express . . . . .	1,200
Blanks and stationery . . . . .	70
Postage account . . . . .	25
Probable amount of fines . . . . . \$300 00	\$8,717
Cash on hand . . . . . 1 53	
Required appropriation . . . . . 8,415 47	
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	\$8,717



## LIST OF BOOKS

Issued to some of the Schools of Newton during the last three months  
of 1885.

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Harper's Magazine. 2 vols.  
Smithsonian Institute. Report.

### TRAVELS AND DESCRIPTION.

Adventure in Apache Country.  
Andes and Amazon. J. Orton.  
Arctic Heroes. Z. A. Mudge.  
Around and About Old England. C. L. Mateaux.  
Astoria. W. Irving.  
Australia. J. F. V. Fitzgerald.  
Bits of Travel at Home. H. H. Jackson.  
Boy Travellers in China and Japan. T. W. Knox.  
Boy Travellers in India and Ceylon. T. W. Knox.  
Boy Travellers in South America. T. W. Knox.  
Boy's Book about Indians. E. B. Tuttle.  
Boys in the Mountains, *etc.* W. H. Rideing.  
California and Oregon Trail. F. Parkman.  
Child Life in Italy. E. Watson.  
Children of All Nations.  
Constantinople. R. Walsh.  
Cook's Voyages. J. Barrow.

- Discovery and Adventure in Africa. Jameson, *and others*.  
 Discovery of Yo-Semite. L. H. Bunnell.  
 Eastern Archipelago. W. H. D. Adams.  
 El Dorado. B. Taylor.  
 Exploration of the World. J. Verne.  
 Family Flight around Home. E. E. and S. Hale.  
 Family Flight in Egypt and Syria. E. E. and S. Hale.  
 Family Flight through France, Germany, *etc.* E. E. and S. Hale.  
 Farmer's Vacation. G. J. Waring.  
 Glimpses of South America. M. Hield.  
 Great Canal of Suez. P. Fitzgerald.  
 Great Cities of the World. H. Shepard.  
 Great Fur Land. H. M. Robinson.  
 Homes and Haunts of our Elder Poets.  
 Homes of America. M. J. Lamb.  
 Homes of American Statesmen.  
 How I Found Livingston. H. M. Stanley.  
 Illustrated Description of the Russian Empire. R. Sears.  
 Indian Pictures. W. Urwick.  
 Japan and the Japanese. A. Humbert.  
 Land and Sea; the Ocean.  
 Land of the Moose, *etc.* A. Daunt.  
 Land of Temples, India. M. Hield.  
 Little People of Asia. O. T. Miller.  
 Madagascar. J. Sibree.  
 Men and Things Russian. J. Christie.  
 Mountains and Mountain Climbing.  
 My Apingi Kingdom. P. B. DuChaillu.  
 Normandy Picturesque. H. Blackburn.  
 North and South. J. S. C. Abbott.  
 Old England. C. Knight.  
 One Thousand Miles' Walk in South America. N. H. Bishop.  
 Our Boys in China. H. W. French.

- Our Boys in India. H. W. French.  
 Our Own Country. [England.] S. Manning and S. B. Green.  
 Our Young Folks Abroad. J. D. McCabe.  
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 Russian Journey. E. D. Proctor.  
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 Essays on Educational Reformers. R. H. Quick.  
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 New England Tragedies. H. W. Longfellow.  
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 Poems. W. C. Bryant.  
 Poems. R. Burns.  
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 John Chinaman. W. G. Dalton.  
 Jolly Good Times at School. M. P. W. Smith.  
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 Merry Times for Boys and Girls.  
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 Our Little Men and Women.  
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 Pioneers. J. F. Cooper.  
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 Seven Little People and their Friends. H. E. Scudder.

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 Stories about Cats. Mrs. Surr.  
 Stories of Animal Sagacity. W. H. G. Kingston.  
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 Story of Our Country. Mrs. L. B. Monroe.  
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 American Histories. 4 vols. J. Abbott.  
 American History for Schools. G. P. Quackenbos.  
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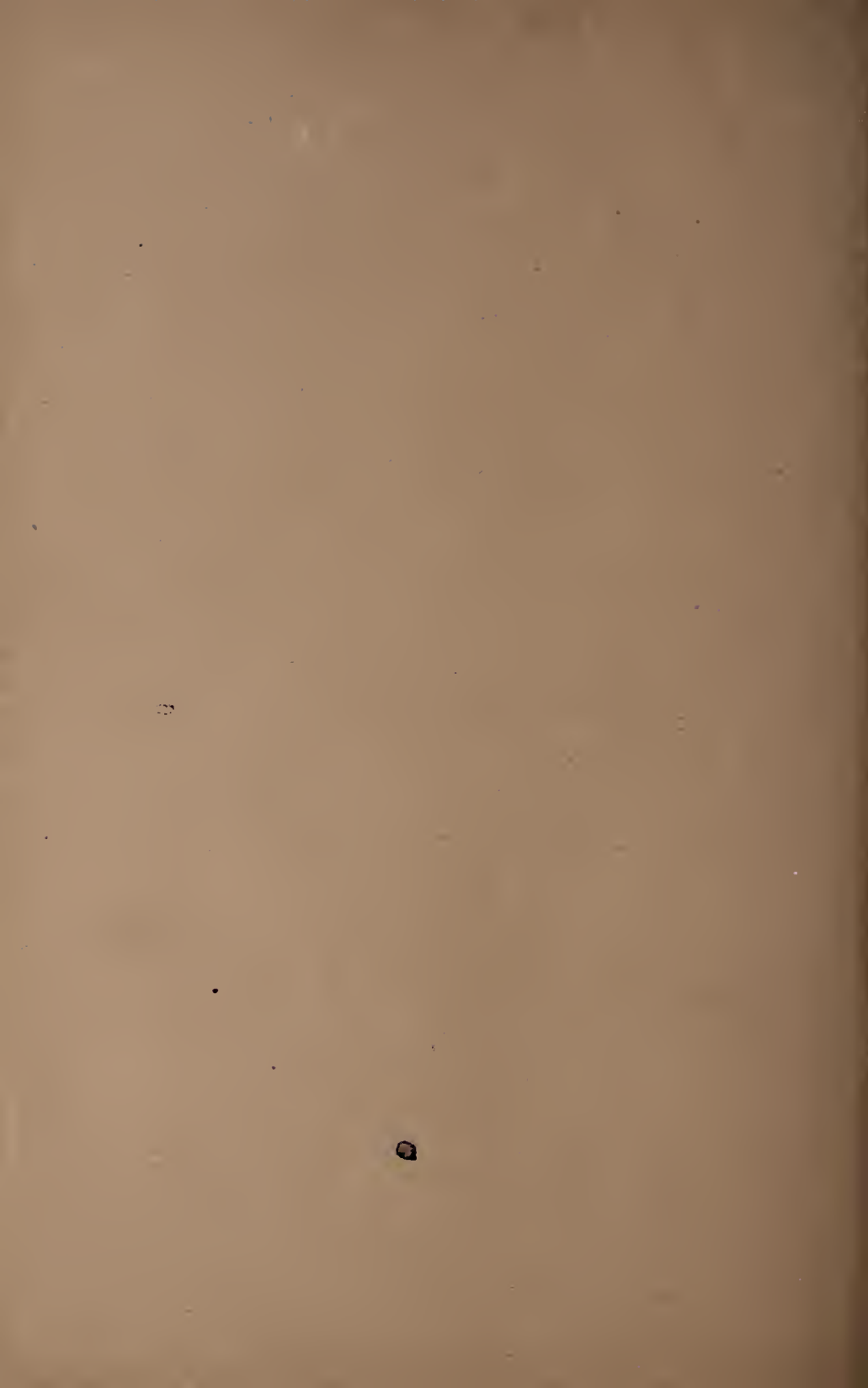
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 Half-Hours with Insects. A. S. Packard, *Jr.*  
 History of Lace. F. B. Palliser.  
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 Insect Architecture. J. Rennie.  
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## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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*To His Honor the Mayor, and the City Council of Newton,  
Mass:—*

For the details of the operation of the Newton Free Library for the year ending December 31st, 1886, the Trustees ask reference to the report of the Superintendent, herewith submitted, and commend it to the careful consideration of all interested in educational movements as a most instructive document.

Table A, in the appendix to Superintendent's report, shows the receipts of the past year to have been, from appropriations made by the City Council,	\$8,500 00
Balance from last year . . . . .	1 53
From fines, etc., . . . . .	426 63

A total of	<u>\$8,928 16</u>
The expenditures for the same period, . . .	<u>8,926 91</u>
Leaving a balance at the close of the year of	\$ 1 25

In addition to this, there has been expended from the income derived from the "Jewett Art Fund," .	\$183 86
From the "Alden Speare Fund," . . . . .	58 87
And from the "Read Fund," . . . . .	399 71

Making a total of	<u>\$642 44</u>
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The Trustees acknowledge with gratitude the appropriation made for the enlargement of the library by the City

Council last year. Work thereon has progressed satisfactorily, and we confidently expect its completion within the next four months, when we hope to present to our citizens a library as complete in all its appointments as any in the State outside of Boston.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees,  
JOHN S. FARLOW, President.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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*To the Board of Trustees of the Newton Free Library:—*

GENTLEMEN:—We closed our report last year with the expression of a hope that the addition to the accommodations of the library, so much needed, would not be long delayed. We are happy to open this report with the much desired annex rapidly approaching completion. Our space in Edmands' Hall had become uncomfortably narrow for the book-stalls already erected, for the reference tables, and for the increasing number of patrons daily visiting the library to secure an exchange of books, or to consult volumes in the art and reference departments.

The latter use of the library has become a very important feature of it. The number of literary, scientific and art clubs in the city, and the local and national courses of reading and study which have been instituted of late, have taxed the contents of our library shelves, and much more our limited spaces for the consultation of books. There is only one feature of our library work more interesting than this, and that is its fruitful connection with the public school system, and the arrangements, now pretty well perfected, for providing for teachers and pupils works for the illustration and supplementing of the daily lessons. The demand for opportunities for consulting a large number of volumes in developing a special subject is adding greatly both to the use

and profit of the library to our citizens. The character of the reading in the community is rapidly changing, and is becoming more and more substantial and improving. Instead of taking on the character of a circulating library, supplying simply the lightest forms of literature for the passing away of time, or to meet a morbid appetite for sensational fiction, the library is becoming a prominent and efficient public educational institution, purifying and elevating the taste of the community. This has been brought about, not by refusing to secure the best of the works of the imagination of the day, and in abundant quantities, but because the improving taste of our patrons, and a freshly awakened interest in an instructive literature, has demanded a higher standard of intellectual food. In part, this is to be attributed to the very rich additions now constantly made in the departments of history, biography, science, travel and art. It requires no more time to read a volume that will add to our permanent resources for enjoyment and usefulness, than an evanescent work that simply moves the emotions and dies out of the memory when it is laid down. Especially is one disposed to think of this when these works in the higher departments of literature in our days, are invested with all the fascination of fiction, as many of them are. In no year has the list of such books, coming constantly from the press, been larger or more attractive than during the period just closed.

The large provision made for the schools, while it has diminished somewhat the amount of money devoted to our general fund for additions to our shelves, has accomplished, thus early in a very successful experiment, a number of good results. It has awakened fresh interest on the part of the teachers in their own intellectual improvement and special preparation for their classes. It has quickened the minds of the pupils in their studies and created a taste for

reading. Besides these excellent influences, it has greatly interested the families with which these children are connected, both in the books they were reading and also in the larger varieties of the library itself. To this latter result, in no small degree, do we attribute the very considerable increase in the monthly and aggregate circulation for the year, of our books. But comparatively a small portion of our school children pass in their studies farther than the High School; the larger number leaving their books after having advanced through the classes of the grammar school. Unless a habit of improving reading has been previously established, little farther intellectual development will be secured. If, however, they have learned to appreciate the advantages offered by the Free Library, their education will still be continued whatever may be the active employment of their lives. This will go far towards bridging over the chasm between school and business life, and secure a constant inspiration to the higher cultivation of the mind.

We have sought to afford the outlying wards of the city every facility for securing books from the library daily, in our power. In one or two instances during the past year, we have opened new districts of the city, and arranged for their convenience in the exchange of volumes. There are certain plans now in progress of development for bestowing larger facilities upon some portions of the city where some embarrassment has heretofore existed, and we trust during the coming season to remove every occasion for a reasonable complaint. Every day, pleasant or stormy, our faithful messenger gathers and distributes throughout the city the books selected from the library or returned to its shelves. We have obtained every work that has been specially called for, and in instances where a book has awakened a marked interest, we have sought to multiply copies to meet at an early day the wide demand.

The City Council appropriated last year the full sum asked for by the Trustees for the expenses of administration, and for additions to the library shelves, \$8,500. With the additional income of the permanent funds bestowed by generous citizens, and the gifts of books, we have been enabled to add 1,895 new works to our catalogue. Books to the amount of 120 have been worn out in service, or have been removed from the shelves or lost, making a net gain to our catalogue of 1,775 volumes. These books are distributed among the following departments:—

Juvenile Reading and Prose Fiction, . . . . .	294
Essays and Poetry, . . . . .	257
Bound Periodicals, . . . . .	92
Foreign Literature, . . . . .	50
Geography and Travels, . . . . .	165
Biography, . . . . .	136
History, . . . . .	148
Natural Science and Industrial Arts, . . . . .	215
Political and Social Science, . . . . .	111
Theology, . . . . .	66
Reference Library, . . . . .	241
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	1,775

During the year, the circulation of books for home use has reached the large amount of 90,213 volumes, which, in view of our population and the distance of some portions of the city from the library, is a remarkable fact. The increase for the year over the previous one in our circulation has been 6,275, and this increase has been fairly divided among all the wards of the city. There are now in the library 25,084 volumes—about ten thousand more than when the library became a city institution. It was open 306 days during last year. Its largest daily circulation was 636 volumes;

its smallest, 164. In addition to this, nearly every day many persons have been present at the reference tables for purposes of investigation, the examination of works upon art, or for study. Since the new registry was commenced in 1885, 5,237 persons have taken out new cards upon which to secure books.

The one great event of the year is the generous appropriation of over \$20,000 by the city for the enlargement of the accommodations of the library building. The addition provides more than an equal amount of room to that furnished by the original building. It has been planned with much skill, after a long consideration of the special necessities of the institution. It will afford a spacious well lighted room for the cases of books, and open a much needed space in Edmands' Hall for the daily patrons. It will also give a very neat and convenient room for visitors desiring to use the reference library. An additional room will be secured in the new wing for the use of school work, permitting the librarian to afford such assistance and suggestion to classes that may visit the library, as will be of great service to them. A beautiful, ample, and well-ventilated reading room—a convenience greatly needed by the increasing number of patrons of this department—will be provided, and every requisite opportunity for the natural growth of the library for many years to come will be found in these enlarged quarters. It is expected that the work will be completed and the books arranged upon the new plan early in the summer, if not during the coming spring. We shall then have as convenient and well appointed a library as any city of the same population in the commonwealth. There will be spaces upon the new walls, which we have hitherto lacked, where we shall be very happy to hang, for the enjoyment and improvement of our patrons, any paintings that our citizens, following the



generous precedents already established, may feel disposed to add to our works of art. As we shall now have larger conveniences for the disposition of books, we shall also be grateful for such donations as may be made from private libraries to the public collection. At this time, as a great boon to young students resident in our city, and for the benefit of the profession generally, we shall specially welcome any gifts towards the formation of a working law library. Such a bequest, if any citizen should be pleased to make his library a permanent blessing after he has ceased to use it, would add another important facility to our means of meeting the public requirements in a free library.

We have spoken heretofore of the American Library Association and its annual meetings. It is one of the very significant signs of the times. It shows both the increasing interest taken in these institutions throughout the country, the rapid increase in their number, the high character and intelligence of those having them in charge, and the careful consideration given to everything that concerns their usefulness and improvement. Last year the annual meeting was held in the city of Milwaukee, Wis. About one hundred and fifty of the officers and supervisors of libraries from all portions of the country, were present. The papers read during the week of the Congress, were eminently practical and valuable, and the discussions animated and instructive. These essays and the proceedings of the Congress have been published in a special number of the Library Journal, making a quarto volume of nearly 200 pages. The public appreciation of the work of these librarians was shown by the receptions given them by the Mayors of Chicago and Milwaukee, and the Governors of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and also by the very generous railroad excursions provided by several of the Western companies across the States of Wisconsin and



Minnesota and to Lake Superior. The librarians are carefully and thoroughly preparing themselves for the great expansion of the public library department of educational agencies, which is evidently at hand in the present generation.

The enlargement of the library building and the growth of the library itself, with the proper supervision of the reading room and halls, may require some small addition to our administrative force. If the Committee on Public Property aid in placing the rooms in condition for use, after the contractors conclude their work, we shall be able to meet all the expenses of the year out of our appropriation without seriously limiting the necessary outlays for current literature and for needed additions to the reference library.

Much credit is due the lady attendants for their faithful and cheerful discharge of their duties, under very uncomfortable circumstances, during the construction of the new building. At times in the severest weather, it has been difficult to secure adequate heat in Edmands Hall and the assistants have been exposed to serious peril of health. The expectation however of an early relief and of the great improvement and comfort of the new halls, has rendered the incident personal sacrifices matters of cheerful endurance, but they are no less worthy of commendation.

In the tables which follow this report will be found the accustomed tabulated statistics, showing the actual and comparative condition of the library for the last three years, the amounts of money received from the city, from its permanent funds, and from fines and incidental sources, and the sums paid for its administration and for books.

With hearty congratulations to the gentlemen of the Board of Trustees in view of the early completion of the building, which has been for several years a subject of ear-

nest consideration and of indispensable importance to our largest success, I have the honor to remain,

Most respectfully,

BRADFORD K. PEIRCE,

*Superintendent.*

## APPENDIX.

### A.

RECEIPTS.	1886.	1885.	1884.
Dec. 31.			
Municipal appropriation.....	\$8,500 00	\$7,500 00	\$8,000 00
Fines, bulletins, etc.,.....	426 63	348 64	336 57
Cash on hand at last report.....	1 53	38	3 65
	\$8,928 16	\$7,849 02	\$8,340 22

### B.

EXPENDITURES.	1886.	1885.	1884.
Dec.			
Salaries.....	\$3,755 07	\$3,333 33	\$3,599 61
Reading-room.....	337 74	400 46	383 39
Incidentals.....	279 83	247 13	267 43
Repairs.....	45 35	41 96	69 90
Furniture and fixtures.....	00 00	61 75	12 41
Printing bulletins.....	300 00		
Printing and advertising.....	141 50	129 37	35 25
Binding.....	276 20	127 55	246 52
Books.....	1,805 69	1,490 81	1,673 71
Light, \$542.71 and fuel, \$143.43....	686 14	765 03	709 81
Distributing agencies and express	1,169 00	1,204 25	1,177 00
Blanks and stationery.....	97 89	32 06	153 55
Postage account.....	32 50	13 77	11 21
Total expenditure.....	\$8,926 91	\$7,847 47	\$8,339 79
Bal. with City Treasurer....\$ 03			
at the Library.....1 22	1 25	1 55	43
Total balance.....	\$8,928 16	\$7,849 02	\$8,340 22

## C.

CIRCULATION.	1886.	1885.	1884.
Number of days the Library was open.....	306	306	307
of holidays the Library was closed.....	7	7	7
of other week-days the Library was closed.....	....	....	....
of volumes delivered for home use.....	90,213	83,938	83,261
Average daily use.....	294.8	274.3	271.2
Largest daily use, January 30, 1886,	636	....	....
March 14, 1885,	....	541	....
March 1, 1884,	....	....	544
Smallest daily use, Aug. 11, 1886,	164	....	....
Aug. 8, 1885,	....	71	....
Nov. 19, 1884,	....	..	144
Number of books lost and not paid for.....	13	7	8
of books lost and paid for.....	2	1	1
of books worn out and withdrawn.....	105	114	62
of notices to delinquents...	636	424	797
of volumes re-covered.....	12,263	10,829	8,945
of volumes bound.....	397	237	335
of names registered during the year.....	1,790	3,834	885
Total number of names registered	5,237	3,447*	13,246

\*A new registry was commenced June 8, 1885.

## D.

DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE AGENCIES AND TO THE SCHOOLS.	1886.
Books distributed at Newtonville.....	11,394
Newton Centre.....	10,482
Auburndale.....	6,873
Newton Highlands.....	6,616
West Newton.....	4,752
N. Upper Falls.....	4,471
N. Lower Falls.....	2,743
Nonantum.....	389
From October 1, Oak Hill.....	356
Total agency distribution.....	48,076
Books delivered for school use.....	3,350

## E.

ACCESSIONS.	1886.	1885.	1884.
Increase by purchase.....	1,598	1,240	1,183
by gift.....	183	220	111
by binding pamphlets....	4	....	9
by binding periodicals....	110	116	76
Number of missing volumes re- stored, since last report.....	....	....	1
Total accessions for the year...	1,895	1,576	1,380
Number of volumes missing or withdrawn since last report....	120	122	71
Actual increase.....	1,775	1,454	1,309
Number of volumes in the Library as last reported.....	23,309	21,855	20,546
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	25,084	23,309	21,855
Number of pamphlets bound since last report.....	24	....	49
Number of newspapers subscribed for.....	30	39	42
of newspapers given.....	14	4	19
of magazines subscribed for.....	60	54	33
of magazines given.....	10	7	4
Total number received.....	114	94	98

## F.

CLASSIFICATION, GROWTH, SIZE AND USE.	Increase during the Year.	Total number of Volumes.	Volumes issued during the Year.	PER CENT OF CIRCULATION.		
				1886.	1885.	1884.
<i>Literature.</i>						
Prose fiction and juvenile reading.....	294	5,514	59,503	65.96	67.4	67.25
Essays, poetry and drama	257	3,065	6,562	7.27	6.88	6.95
Periodicals.....	92	1,751	1,626	1.8	2.03	2.
Foreign Literature.....	50	524	296	.33	.34	.35
<i>History.</i>						
Geography and travels..	165	2,297	7,237	8.02	7.14	7.33
Biography.....	136	2,343	3,578	3.97	3.82	3.76
History.....	148	2,314	4,536	5.03	4.78	4.63
<i>Arts and Sciences.</i>						
Natural science and industrial arts.....	215	2,441	5,344	5.92	5.86	5.77
Political and social science.....	111	1,288	798	.88	.69	.6
Theology.....	66	1,105	547	.61	.83	1.
Reference library.....	241	2,442	186	.21	.23	.16
Assessments for the year	1,775	....	....	....	....	....
Number of volumes in the Library.....	....	25,084	....	....	....	....
Circulation for the year.....	....	...	90,213	....	....	....

## G.

Received for catalogues sold in 1886.....	\$16 00
Paid City Treasurer.....	\$16 00

## LIST OF PERIODICALS FOR 1887 IN THE READING ROOMS.

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### MAGAZINES.

American Agriculturist  
 American Architect  
 Andover Review  
 Appalachia  
 Art Amateur  
 Atlantic Monthly  
 Bibliotheca Sacra  
 Blackwood's Magazine  
 Brooklyn Magazine  
 Canadian Methodist \*  
 Cassell's Family Magazine  
 Catholic World  
 Century  
 Chautauqua  
 Christian Thought \*  
 Contemporary Review  
 Converted Catholic \*  
 Cottage Hearth \*  
 Country Gentleman  
 Decorator and Furnisher  
 Edinburgh Review  
 Education \*  
 English Illustrated Magazine  
 Folio \*  
 Fortnightly  
 Forum  
 Gardener's Chronicle  
 Gardener's Monthly  
 Harper's Magazine  
 Haus und Herd \*  
 Homelitic Review \*  
 Illustrated London News

Lend a Hand  
 Library Journal  
 Life  
 Lippincott's Magazine  
 Literary News  
 Literary World  
 Littell's Living Age  
 London Punch  
 London Quarterly  
 Magazine of American History  
 Mind and Nature \*  
 Musical Herald \*  
 Nation  
 Nature  
 New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Reg.  
 New Eng. Jour. of Education  
 New Eng. Magazine  
 New Englander and Yale Review  
 New Jerusalem \*  
 Nineteenth Century  
 North American Review  
 Notes and Queries  
 Old Testament Student \*  
 Outing  
 Overland  
 Phrenologist \*  
 Popular Science Monthly  
 Princeton Review  
 Public Opinion  
 Publisher's Weekly  
 Quarterly Jour. of Economics \*  
 Quiver \*  
 St. Nicholas

Sanitarian  
 Sanitary Engineer  
 Science  
 Scientific American  
 Scientific American Supplement

Scribner's Magazine  
 Sunday Magazine.  
 Swiss Cross \*  
 Westminster Review  
 Wide Awake

\*Represents magazines given.

#### NEWSPAPERS.

Abogado, El \*  
 Alta California  
 American, The  
 American Hebrew \*  
 Baltimore American  
 Beacon, The \*  
 Boston Advertiser  
 Boston Globe  
 Boston Herald  
 Boston Journal  
 Boston Post  
 Boston Transcript  
 Boston Traveller \*  
 Cambridge Tribune \*  
 Chicago Tribune  
 Christelige Talsmand, Den \*  
 Christian Herald \*  
 Christian Register \*  
 Christian World \*  
 Christliche . pologete, Der \*  
 Christliche Botschafter, Der \*  
 Cincinnati Commercial

Commonwealth  
 Current  
 Evangeliste, L' \*  
 Harper's Bazaar  
 Harper's Weekly  
 London Times  
 Montreal Gazette  
 New Orleans Picayune  
 New York Evening Post  
 New York Herald  
 New York Sun  
 New York Tribune  
 New York World  
 Newton Graphic  
 Newton Journal  
 Our Dumb Animals \*  
 Philadelphia Press  
 St. Louis Globe Democrat  
 Saturday Evening Gazette  
 Springfield Republican  
 Woman's Journal \*  
 Zion's Herald \*

\*Represents newspapers given.











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# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEWTON FREE LIBRARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

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TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEWTON,  
MASS : —

Your attention is respectfully directed to the interesting report of the Superintendent (herewith submitted), which is so exhaustive in all that relates to the Newton Free Library as to leave little to be added by the trustees. The active, voluntary labors of the Superintendent for many years, have been of great benefit to the Library, and the citizens of Newton are under many and lasting obligations to him therefor.

The trustees, knowing and fully appreciating the value of those labors, regret exceedingly that he now feels compelled to retire, in order to obtain that absolute rest so essential for the complete restoration of his health. The confinement consequent on his assumption, since June last, of the combined duties of Superintendent and Librarian, added to his editorial labors, have told too heavily on him. He has our sincere thanks and our earnest wishes for his early and complete restoration.

The trustees take this opportunity to thank the Mayor and City Council for their prompt and cordial action in the enlarging of the library building, and we can truly say that the city of Newton has now a library building, which, for conven-

ience and adaptability to the purposes of a free public library, will compare favorably with any library in the State. Its capacity is now more than double that of the original building, and, with the provision made for additional shelving when needed, is not likely to require further enlargement for twenty years.

In "Edmands Hall," besides procuring much greater facilities for the distribution and delivery of books, we have secured a commodious and much needed reference department. The additional windows in the newspaper reading room (now called "Jewett Hall") have greatly improved it. "Jones Hall," in the second story of the new addition, will afford ample space for all the books for general circulation that the Library will require for many years. Opening from "Jones Hall" is a room specially intended for *reference* uses by the teachers of our public schools and their classes, when required by them for such purposes: it is also intended to be used for meetings of the trustees. On same floor is an admirably designed librarian's room, overlooking "Jones Hall" in the *new*, and the reference department in the old, building. In the lower story of the new building is "Chaffin Hall," a large and commodious room well adapted for, and now used as, a magazine, book, and periodical reading room, highly appreciated by many readers, and is a decided acquisition to the Library. Opening from "Chaffin Hall" on the south is "Read Hall," used exclusively as a public document room, and now well supplied with such,—national, State, county, and municipal. Opening from same hall on the north is the janitor's room, having easy access to all parts of the building.

A careful inspection of the building and its appointments, will, we feel sure, satisfy every one that the money appropriated therefor has been well and judiciously ex-

pended. The trustees cordially invite the members of the City Government, and citizens generally, to visit the Library as often as they can find opportunity, and witness for themselves what has been, and is now being, accomplished there. The trustees have been very much crippled in their purchase of books the past year, in consequence of their being compelled to pay some fifteen hundred dollars for purchase of the additional furniture, gas-fixtures, and incidentals required for the new building, and the laying of new floors, and other expenditures, required by the changes in the old. The incomes of our "Jewett Art," "Read," and other special funds have, in consequence, been closely drawn upon to meet the requirements of the departments dependent in part on those funds. This was unavoidable, as the committee of the City Council felt themselves confined in *their* expenditures to the enlargement of the building only. Under the appropriation made for this current year, we shall be able to make up for this in part; it must be borne in mind, however, that the enlargement of the building, and, as we trust, the continually enlarging usefulness of the Library, will necessarily require a larger yearly expenditure for heating, lighting, and other expenses, which, we have faith to believe, the City Council will always cheerfully provide.

The system for deliveries of books in the several sections of the city continues to work satisfactorily.

Notwithstanding the gratification we feel at what has been accomplished the past year, we have regretfully to record the loss the Library has sustained by the departure of our late librarian, Miss Hannah P. James, to a new field of labor. She has been with us from

the first establishment of our Library, and so thoroughly identified with it and its progress as to have become, as it were, part and parcel of it. Our regrets, however, are lessened by the knowledge we have that she has gone to build up and establish, in another State, a free public library, that will, we trust, prove in its usefulness the equal of the one she has left in Newton.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees,

JOHN S. FARLOW, *President.*



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEWTON FREE LIBRARY.

*Gentlemen,* — The tabulated statistics at the close of this report present in detail the work and expenses of the Library for the year 1887, and afford an opportunity for comparison with the two previous years. The columns for 1887 present, in reality, only a statement for nine months; as, for three months of the year, and these the most fruitful in results among our readers, the Library was closed to admit of the interior work upon the building incident to the large addition to the edifice, and to the replacement of the books. Yet with this loss of a quarter of the year, such has been the greatly renewed interest in the Library that we have circulated over 70,000 volumes in this period, to 90,000 during the whole of the previous year. In some of the later months the circulation has been increased more than a thousand volumes over the same months in 1886.

The expenses occasioned by the additions and changes in refitting the halls, in addition to those included in the builder's contract, diminished very considerably the amount of our yearly appropriation, which would have been devoted to the purchase of new books. We have added this year some thirteen hundred volumes, to over seventeen hundred in 1886. These fresh accessions have been divided among the different departments in the following manner : —

Juvenile reading and prose fiction . . .	268	-
Essays and poetry . . . . .	118	
Bound periodicals . . . . .	77	
Foreign literature . . . . .	2	
Geography and travels . . . . .	77	
Biography . . . . .	114	
History . . . . .	121	
Natural science and industrial art . . .	103	
Political and social science . . . . .	50	
Theology . . . . .	40	
Reference library . . . . .	357	
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	1,327	

The whole number of books in the Library is now 26,411.

A very commendable effort has been made by the Newton Centre Associates to afford the best facilities for the use of the Library to the citizens and families of that ward. A fine reading room has been provided with some of the most useful books of reference for the school pupils and others, with the presence of a lady to receive and return our books, and to aid in the use of the catalogues and bulletins.

The facilities offered in this ward have greatly enlarged the circulation of books in its district.

The delay and deprivation of its use to our citizens for three months were found to be amply compensated by the convenient changes and large additions which had been made by the city for the accommodation of the different departments of the Library. The first view as the visitor enters Edmands Hall is very attractive, occasioning continual complimentary remarks from the many strangers who have examined the Library. Every portion is light and well ventilated. The

arrangement for the reception and delivery of books could hardly be more convenient. The Farlow Reference Room, with its chaste and beautiful appointments, its encyclopædias, dictionaries, and works of art, offers a very inviting retreat for the student or reader. The reading room and the magazine room, with their generous spaces, their abundant light and pure air, are fully appreciated by our patrons. Large numbers, especially during the afternoons and evenings, improve the opportunity they afford. For a period, the small boy, in a multiplied form and with characteristic uneasiness, gave us a little trouble in securing the necessary silence. Upon application, however, by the trustees to the Mayor and City Council, our janitor was appointed a special police officer, and the added authority thus bestowed has been found ample to secure the indispensable respect for our rules.

Of the whole building thus enlarged and improved, Mr. Larned of the Buffalo Library, in an interesting paper read at the late meeting of the Librarians' Association at the Thousand Islands, said, "The Library rooms are strikingly beautiful, and the convenience of the working arrangements of the Library is unsurpassed. The book room, the delivery room, the newspaper room, the document room, and the librarian's room are all reported to be of liberal dimensions, well-lighted, and handsomely finished." Much credit is due the architect, Mr. Kenway, for his skill and good taste; but much more is due to the wisdom and practical experience of the late accomplished librarian, Miss Hannah P. James, whose suggestions formed the basis of the plan so admirably executed.

Three hundred persons found themselves comfortably seated in Chaffin Hall on the evening of the historical 17th of June, at the opening of the enlarged accommodations.

The exercises, under the chairmanship of the President of the Board of Trustees, in the presence of his Honor the Mayor and three of the ex-mayors of the city, the City Council, school officers, donors to the funds of the Library, and many invited guests, were of a very interesting character. The addresses of the occasion were both historical and congratulatory, and, as fully reported by the local press, gave to our citizens a grateful record of the noble gifts of honored men, living and departed, and of the very rapid progress and excellent educational work which the Library has already accomplished. The term "Public Library," fails to give full expression to the character of the Newton Library and the many institutions of the same description which have been lately established in our cities and chief towns. The distinguishing term is the "FREE Library." Until as late as 1852 the Public Library was simply a reference library,—its books to be used upon its premises, or by its proprietors. The Boston Library in that year started the great and successful experiment which is now being tried in all portions of the land. The grand idea of it seemed to have originated with Mr. George Ticknor, a leading founder of that institution, himself a student and collector of books. It was the more remarkable that this truly democratic and somewhat delicate experiment should have had such an origin. Edward Everett, a coadjutor with him in the undertaking, hesitated to open with such unlimited freedom a valuable collection of books. There was a natural fear that such a broad indulgence as to the use of the books might expose them to great injury and to serious losses. Mr. Everett's hesitation was soon removed by the results of the experiment. It was demonstrated

at an early day, as it has been repeatedly con- arts, since in other libraries, that there is little loss, except by the honest wear of the users; that fines for defacement are readily paid, as, also, for lost books; and that a surprisingly small number annually disappears without being properly accounted for and replaced. It has been also demonstrated (for this was another occasion of anxiety among the thoughtful men who instituted the experiment of the free library) that the opportunity to enjoy almost unlimited fiction would not lead to the serious abuses some expected. This anxiety was natural, for almost the sole support of large circulating libraries was found in the demand for novels. In the experiment of the free library, with its large collection of interesting works of a substantial character, it has been found that a better taste was created in the community, and a demand for a higher standard of literature.

The growth of this more wholesome taste in our city has been effectively advanced by the formal connection of the Library with the public school system, the securing the hearty concurrence and assistance of the teachers, and the provision of an adequate supply of illustrative volumes upon the subjects taught in the schools. This has both changed the character of the private reading, and awakened a taste for instructive works in the homes of the scholars. The older pupils have subjects given to them requiring the examination of many volumes of reference. It is one of the most familiar sights in the reference room to see these pupils at the tables, behind piles of books, busily engaged in taking notes. The formation of clubs, literary and scientific, in all portions of the city, has created the habit of entering upon courses of



reading; such works as Sir John Lubbock's, and others who have succeeded him in the same field, giving lists of a hundred volumes of special value, and scores of personal experiences as to the books which have been peculiarly helpful, have given new directions to the reading of our patrons. Classes in literature and in history are established in different wards in the city, which make constant use of our facilities. An interesting winter's literary work at the Highlands has been devoted to the reading of descriptive volumes, historical events, and incidents connected with the countries, cities, and towns, of which one would desire to know something if he were expecting to take a European trip.

A club in Newtonville arranged a most elaborate schedule of historical work, through an indefatigable secretary, entitled, "A Winter in America." This covered the discovery of the country, its early history, the government, the struggle with slavery, the literature, tariff, the church, social problems, natural resources, the Revolutionary and the civil wars, and the local histories of Newton and Boston. Certainly this is a pretty broad field of study for one winter, but it was divided among many members. The titles of books of reference given in the published schedule reached over two hundred, some of them requiring new purchases to meet the demands upon our shelves. This is some of the most important work of the Library. In meeting such calls upon its resources we justify the title that is beginning to be applied to it of the "People's University." It is readily seen, especially in such a community as ours, what intellectual inspiration, as well as provision, such an institution must become. The public school is the educator of the children: the free library of every person in the community. In its various

departments of mechanical science, literature, and the arts, many a young mind will receive the effective touch that will awaken the new inventive or artistic genius for which the world is waiting. These demands of which we have spoken indicate the direction in which our outlays for books, beyond the current literature of the hour, must be made. All these departments — scientific, historic, literary, and artistic — must be gradually filled to meet the requisitions of the growing scholarship in the community around us.

During the year in the Art Department the most valuable addition has been the four large, sumptuous volumes of illustrations of the English cathedrals, arranged in accordance with the eras which gave them birth and the style of their architecture. The photographs were collected by Miss James during her late visit to England and neatly mounted, and under her supervision — aided by Gen. A. Hun Berry, Miss L. P. Merritt, Miss Evelyn Purdie, and Mr. Robert Lewis — have been provided with elegantly illuminated titles and appropriate ornamentations. By an act of considerate courtesy, the several bishops forwarded their autographs, giving additional interest to the unique work. The volumes have been substantially and handsomely bound by Mr. McNamee of Cambridge. The work has hardly a parallel in the country in the beauty of its mechanical execution. We have also added two large royal octavo volumes of artists' proof copies of the leading French water-color painters, with a full descriptive letterpress. While visiting Rome, Mr. Charles F. Farlow secured for us about five hundred photographs of the works of art and classic remains gathered in the galleries of that city. These have been mounted, and form an interesting and instructive collection.

We have received valuable gifts of books during the year. Among them is a series of the publications of the French Patent Office, presented by Mr. Edward Sawyer. A large number of very useful congressional volumes have been sent to us by Senator George F. Hoar, with contributions from the Chief Signal Officer, Gen. A. W. Greely. We have also been placed under obligations for public documents by Hon. F. D. Ely, Hon. John W. Candler, Hon. Carroll D. Wright, and Hon. Henry B. Peirce. Excellent single additions have been made to the Library by Rev. Dr. I. N. Tarbox, Gen. A. B. Underwood, F. M. Johnson, and Mrs. Warren P. Tyler.

A new bulletin, containing the accessions for two years, will be prepared and issued during the coming spring. Every week, through the courtesy of the publishers of our local papers, a list of new books added to our shelves has been issued, with short descriptive notices of their contents.

The only change made in the Library corps during the year has been the temporary one occasioned by the much-regretted resignation of Miss James, the Superintendent assuming a portion of her duties. The experienced assistants remain as heretofore. The first assistant, Miss Elizabeth P. Thurston, has had a greatly increased responsibility since the re-opening of the Library, and has met all the requisitions upon her services with marked success. A cataloguer of rare ability, by the large amount of this work which she has done for the Library, she has become thoroughly acquainted with its contents, and is a quick and intelligent interpreter of its resources.

In closing my report, permit me to congratulate the trustees upon the remarkable growth of the institution committed to their care, the confidence and patronage it receives from the



community, the noble edifice with its ample halls which has now been provided for its valuable contents, and upon its general prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

BRADFORD K. PEIRCE,  
*Superintendent.*

# APPENDIX.

## A.

RECEIPTS.	1887.	1886.	1885.
December 31.			
Municipal appropriation . . . . .	\$8,500 00	\$8,500 00	\$7,500 00
Fines, bulletins, etc. . . . .	277 79	426 63	348 64
Cash on hand at last report . . . . .	1 22	1 53	38
	\$8,779 01	\$8,928 16	\$7,849 02

## B.

EXPENDITURES.	1887.	1886.	1885.
December 31.			
Salaries . . . . .	\$3,636 42	\$3,755 07	\$3,333 33
Reading room . . . . .	456 85	337 74	400 46
Incidentals . . . . .	241 10	279 83	247 13
Repairs . . . . .	160 36	45 35	41 96
Furniture and fixtures . . . . .	845 66	—	61 75
Printing bulletins . . . . .	—	300 00	—
Printing and advertising . . . . .	87 35	141 50	129 37
Binding . . . . .	141 42	276 20	127 55
Books . . . . .	972 58	1,805 69	1,490 81
Light . . . . .	543 60	542 71	523 81
Fuel . . . . .	305 79	143 43	241 22
Distributing agencies and express . . . . .	1,193 95	1,169 00	1,204 25
Blanks and stationery . . . . .	172 60	97 89	32 06
Postage account . . . . .	20 77	32 50	13 77
Total expenditure . . . . .	\$8,778 45	\$8,926 91	\$7,847 47
Bal. with City Treasurer . . . \$0 00 at the Library . . . . . 56			
Total balance . . . . .	56	1 25	1 55
	\$8,779 01	\$8,928 16	\$7,849 02

## C.

CIRCULATION.	1887.	1886.	1885.
Number of days the Library was open . . . . .	230	306	306
of holidays the Library was closed . . . . .	8	7	7
of other week-days the Library was closed for alterations . . . . .	75	-	-
of volumes delivered for home use . . . . .	70,005	90,213	83,938
Average daily use . . . . .	304.3	294.8	274.3
Largest daily use, November 26, 1887, . . . . .	526	-	-
January 30, 1886 . . . . .	-	636	-
March 14, 1885 . . . . .	-	-	541
Smallest daily use, July 1, 1887 . . . . .	128	-	-
August 11, 1886 . . . . .	-	164	-
August 8, 1885 . . . . .	-	-	71
Number of books lost and not paid for, . . . . .	10	13	7
of books lost and paid for . . . . .	5	2	1
of books worn out and withdrawn . . . . .	24	105	114
of notices to delinquents . . . . .	649	636	424
of volumes covered . . . . .	13,954	12,263	10,829
of volumes bound . . . . .	318	397	237
of names registered during the year . . . . .	1,485	1,790	3,834
Total number of names registered . . . . .	6,722	5,237	3,447*

\* A new registry was commenced June 8, 1885.

## D.

DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE AGENCIES AND TO THE SCHOOLS.		1887.
Books distributed at Newton Centre . . . . .		8,807
Newtonville . . . . .		7,607
Auburndale . . . . .		5,511
Newton Highlands . . . . .		5,388
West Newton . . . . .		3,619
Newton Upper Falls . . . . .		3,038
Newton Lower Falls . . . . .		2,081
Oak Hill . . . . .		739
Nonantum . . . . .		389
Total agency distribution . . . . .		37,179
Books delivered to 17 of the 20 Public Schools.		
to Claflin School . . . . .		381
High . . . . .		339
Bigelow . . . . .		309
Prospect . . . . .		300
Franklin . . . . .		247
Pierce . . . . .		241
Mason . . . . .		214
Underwood . . . . .		212
Lincoln . . . . .		142
Adams . . . . .		136
Oak Hill . . . . .		121
Jackson . . . . .		110
Williams . . . . .		90
Davis . . . . .		80
Rice . . . . .		80
Eliot . . . . .		22
Hyde . . . . .		21
Total number of books delivered for school use . . . . .		3,045

## E.

ACCESSIONS.	1887.	1886.	1885.
Increase by purchase . . . . .	971	1,598	1,240
by gift . . . . .	300	183	220
by binding pamphlets . . . . .	4	4	—
by binding periodicals . . . . .	91	110	116
Number of missing volumes restored since last report . . . . .	—	—	—
Total accessions for the year . . . . .	1,366	1,895	1,576
Number of volumes missing or withdrawn since last report . . . . .	39	120	122
Actual increase . . . . .	1,327	1,775	1,454
Number of volumes in the Library, as last reported . . . . .	25,084	23,309	21,855
Total number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	26,411	25,084	23,309
Number of pamphlets bound since last report . . . . .	20	24	—
Number of newspapers subscribed for . . . . .	31	30	39
of newspapers given . . . . .	15	14	4
of magazines subscribed for . . . . .	60	60	54
of magazines given . . . . .	16	10	7
Total number received . . . . .	122	114	104

## F.

CLASSIFICATION, GROWTH, SIZE, AND USE.	INCREASE DURING THE YEAR.	TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES.	VOLUMES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.	PER CENT OF CIRCULATION.		
				1887.	1886.	1885.
<i>Literature.</i>						
Prose fiction and juvenile read- ing . . . . .	268	5,782	45,234	64.62	65.96	67.4
Essays, poetry, and drama . . .	118	3,183	4,748	6.78	7.27	6.88
Periodicals . . . . .	77	1,828	1,454	2.08	1.8	2.03
Foreign literature . . . . .	2	526	230	.33	.33	.34
<i>History.</i>						
Geography and travels . . . .	77	2,374	5,817	8.31	8.02	7.14
Biography . . . . .	114	2,457	3,104	4.43	3.97	3.82
History . . . . .	121	2,435	3,384	4.83	5.03	4.78
<i>Arts and Sciences.</i>						
Natural science and industrial arts . . . . .	103	2,544	4,678	6.69	5.92	5.86
Political and social science . .	50	1,338	803	1.15	.88	.69
Theology . . . . .	40	1,145	487	.69	.61	.83
Reference Library . . . . .	357	2,799	66	.09	.21	.23
Accessions for the year . . .	1,327	-	-	-	-	-
Number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	-	26,411	-	-	-	-
Circulation for nine months of the year . . . . .	-	-	70,005	-	-	-

## G.

Received for catalogues sold in 1887 . . . . . \$26 00

Paid City Treasurer . . . . . \$26 00

## LIST OF PERIODICALS FOR 1888 IN THE READING ROOM.

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### MAGAZINES.

American Agriculturist.	Lend a Hand.
American Architect.	Library Journal.
American Magazine.	Life.
Andover Review.	Lippincott's Magazine.
Appalachia.	Literary News.
Art Amateur.	Literary World.
Atlantic Monthly.	Littell's Living Age.
Bibliotheca Sacra.	London Punch.
Blackwood's Magazine.	London Quarterly.
Cassell's Family Magazine.	Magazine of American History.
Catholic World.	Magazine of Art.
Century.	Magazine of Western History.
Chautanqua.	Nation.
Common School Education.	Nature.
Contemporary Review.	New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Reg.
Country Gentleman.	New Eng. Jour. of Education.
Critic.	New Englander and Yale Review.
Decorator and Furnisher.	Nineteenth Century.
Edinburgh Review.	North American Review.
Education.	Notes and Queries.
Engineering and Building Record.	Outing.
English Illustrated Magazine.	Overland.
Fortnightly.	Philatelic Journal.
Forum.	Popular Science Monthly.
Gardener's Chronicle.	Princeton Review.
Harper's Magazine.	Publisher's Weekly.
Haus und Herd.	Quarterly Jour. of Economics.
Illustrated London News.	St. Nicholas.
Journal of Franklin Institute.	Sanitarian.

Science.	Westminster Review.
Scientific American.	Wide Awake.
Scientific American Supplement.	Youth's Companion.
Scribner's Magazine.	

### NEWSPAPERS.

Alta California.	London Times.
American, The	Montreal Gazette.
Baltimore American.	New Orleans Picayune.
Boston Advertiser.	New York Evening Post.
Boston Commercial Bulletin.	New York Herald.
Boston Globe.	New York Sun.
Boston Herald.	New York Tribune.
Boston Journal.	New York World.
Boston Post.	Newton Graphic.
Boston Transcript.	Newton Journal.
Boston Traveller.*	Philadelphia Press.
Chicago Tribune.	St. Louis Globe Democrat.
Christian Register.*	Saturday Evening Gazette.
Christian Union.	Springfield Republican.
Cincinnati Commercial.	Washington Evening Star.
Harper's Bazar.	Woman's Journal.*
Harper's Weekly.	Zion's Herald.*
Independent.	

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# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEWTON FREE LIBRARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1888.

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TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF NEWTON, MASS:

In submitting this, their annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1888, the trustees of the Newton Free Library regret their inability to accompany it, as in their reports of previous years with a report from the Superintendent of the Library. In consequence of his removal to California our late Superintendent, Mr. Warren P. Tyler, resigned the position last September, and we have not, as yet, succeeded in securing a suitable person to take his place. This, we trust, will satisfactorily account for the absence this year of the customary Superintendent's report.

We take pleasure now, in presenting in its stead, the report of the Librarian with statistical tables, showing the operation of the Library, its receipts and expenditures, its accessions, circulation, classification, and distribution of books during the past year, in comparison with the two years next preceding.

An inspection of these tables will show that the circulation of books has largely increased the past year, exceeding by nearly fifteen thousand volumes that of any previous year.

This large increase in the circulation of its books, and the continually increasing number of those who avail themselves of the benefits to be derived from the use of its reference department and reading rooms, are very gratifying not only to those in the more immediate charge of the Library, but to all friends of education and order. The plan adopted for furnishing the teachers of all our public schools ten volumes at a time for special use in those schools, gives great satisfaction to all. Never before since its establishment, has the Library demonstrated its great value as an educational aid to our public schools in a greater degree than in the past year. The trustees have been enabled to add the past year, a larger number of books, and of a higher standard of excellence than ever before.

In addition to the books provided for general circulation from the appropriation made by the City Council the past year, there has been expended for the higher class of scientific books and works of art from the income derived from the

"Jewett Art Fund," . . . .	\$293 82
"Alden Speare Fund," . . . .	42 64
"Charles Read Fund," . . . .	323 58
"Farlow Reference Department Fund," .	76 00
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Total, . . . .	\$736 04

The income derived from these special funds enables the trustees to procure books and works of art of higher character and greater cost, than would be possible from the regular yearly appropriations of the City Council, without seriously interfering with the purchase of books required for daily circulation. The trustees commend this fact to the liberal consideration of our wealthy citizens, coupled with the desire on their part to have the number of these "Special Funds" enlarged, and a willingness to take charge of, and faithfully administer any donations or bequests therefor.

Our distributing agencies in the more distant wards continue to work satisfactorily. Of the entire circulation of 104,700 volumes the past year, 54,747 were distributed in the distant wards through these agencies.

The increasing business at the Library will require very soon an addition to our librarian force which it will be our pleasure to meet.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees,

JOHN S. FARLOW, *President.*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEWTON FREE LIBRARY.

As the office of Superintendent is vacant at the close of the year, it becomes the duty of the Librarian to present a statement of the condition and work of the Library in place of the usual report of the Superintendent.

We have been enabled to add to the contents of our Library more books than usual this year. The number of volumes as given Dec. 31, 1887, was 26,411; during the year 1888, 2,010 were added either by purchase, gift or by binding periodicals and pamphlets; 55 have been worn out and withdrawn or lost, making the total number of volumes in the Library 28,366. In the Appendix, Table F., at the end of this report will be shown the proportion in which the accessions have been made to the different classes. The amount expended for books, aside from the special funds, is \$2,455.49 a larger sum than we have usually been able to devote to this purpose.

The circulation of books has also been larger than ever before — reaching a total of 104,700, which is from 14 to 15 thousand in excess of any former year; and as the Library was open 305 days, a daily average of 343 volumes is shown. March, as usual, was the month when the greatest number of books was circulated, 10,895 having been drawn during the month. The number of books distributed through the agencies



increases every year, and considerably more than half of the circulation has been carried on this year in this way, 54,747 volumes having been delivered through the nine agencies or left by the expressman at the schools in the other parts of the City, to 49,953 given out at the Library. The register of names of persons using the Library gives an increase of 1,025 new names added during the year.

A new bulletin was issued in the middle of the year, being the fourth bulletin since the catalogue in 1880. Some inconvenience is experienced by the public from the necessity of consulting the catalogue and then four bulletins before being sure a work is or is not in the Library. It is hoped that a new catalogue may be issued in 1890 containing in one list all works at that date.

The number of books covered during the year is 13,460; a paper somewhat darker and one which it is thought will be more servicable has been substituted for the light one heretofore in use, and the books will be gradually covered with this as they need new covers. The amount collected from fines the past year is \$380.94; \$26.40 has been received from the sale of bulletins, and \$33.60 from that of old paper.

The Reading-rooms are supplied with 123 magazines and newspapers which furnish attractive material for the numerous readers of all ages who frequent the rooms. It would seem desirable to have an attendant to answer questions and take care of the magazines, as well as exercise a slight restraint upon the conversational tendencies of the younger members of society.

The Library has continued to assist in the educational work of the schools by sending to any teacher books on whatever subject desired, and the teachers seem to be unanimous in feeling that it is a great advantage, and in appreciating their privileges. They affirm that the scholars are eager for the books, and this especially in some districts where books are

not easy of access to the children. The teachers of the lower grades report that the little ones learn their lessons more willingly and with more promptness in order that they may be allowed to take the books afterwards. The slight rise in the per cent. of fiction circulated this year, as shown in Table F, may be accounted for in the greatly increased call for books from teachers of these lower grades, who find that they can use to advantage many of our illustrated books ; and this demand has to be partially met from our works of fiction. The number of books sent to the schools in 1888 was 3,882, and these chiefly on subjects of history, natural science, geography, civil government, etc. The High School took the lead in calling for books, and 556 were sent there during the year.

In May, the Library met with a sad loss in the death of Mr. Tower, the faithful janitor, who had served the Library for thirteen years and given universal satisfaction. The position has since been acceptably filled by Mr. Bass who has shown himself very ready and anxious to do everything possible for the comfort and welfare of all friends of the Library. With the larger circulation the work of the Library has been necessarily very much increased, and great credit for their efficiency and courtesy is due to the young lady assistants.

The following tables gives the statistics for the year in detail.

ELIZABETH P. THURSTON,

*Librarian.*

# APPENDIX.

## A.

RECEIPTS.	1888.	1887.	1886.
December 31.			
Municipal appropriation . .	\$10,170 00	\$8,500 00	\$8,500 00
Fines, bulletins, etc. . . . .	446 39	277 79	426 63
Cash on hand at last report .	56	1 22	1 53
	\$10,616 95	\$8,779 01	\$8,928 16

## B.

EXPENDITURES.	1888.	1887.	1886.
December 31.			
Salaries . . . . .	\$3,518 16	\$3,636 42	\$3,755 07
Reading room . . . . .	463 60	456 85	337 74
Incidentals . . . . .	168 85	241 10	279 83
Repairs . . . . .	428 28	160 36	45 35
Furniture and fixtures . . .	233 95	845 66	-
Printing bulletins . . . . .	188 40	-	300 00
Printing and advertising . .	123 35	87 35	141 50
Binding . . . . .	242 55	141 42	276 20
Books . . . . .	2,455 49	972 58	1,805 69
Light . . . . .	539 80	543 60	542 71
Fuel . . . . .	553 50	305 79	143 43
Distrib'g agencies and express	1,292 95	1,193 95	1,169 00
Blanks and stationery . . .	392 43	172 60	97 89
Postage account . . . . .	10 00	20 77	32 50
Total expenditure . . . .			
Bal. with City Treasurer \$0 00 at the Library . . . 5 64			
Total balance . . . . .	5 64	56	1 25
	\$10,616 95	\$8,779 01	\$8,928 16

## C.

CIRCULATION.	1888.	1887.	1886.
Number of days the Library was open . . . . .	305	230	306
of holidays the Library was closed . . . . .	8	8	7
of other week-days the Library was closed . . . . .	-	75	-
of volumes delivered for home use . . . . .	104,700	70,005	90,213
Average daily use . . . . .	343.2	304.3	294.8
Largest daily use, March 17, 1888 . . . . .	641	-	-
November 26, 1887, . . . . .	-	526	-
January 30, 1886 . . . . .	-	-	636
Smallest daily use, November 26, 1888 . . . . .	90	-	-
July 1, 1887 . . . . .	-	128	-
August 11, 1886 . . . . .	-	-	164
Number of books lost and not paid for . . . . .	12	10	13
of books lost and paid for . . . . .	4	5	2
of books worn out and withdrawn . . . . .	39	24	105
of notices to delinquents . . . . .	262	649	636
of volumes covered . . . . .	13,460	13,954	12,263
of volumes bound . . . . .	601	318	397
of names registered during the year . . . . .	1,025	1,485	1,790
Total number of names registered . . . . .	7,747	6,722	5,237

## D.

DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE AGENCIES AND TO THE SCHOOLS.						1888.
Books distributed at Newton Centre . . . . .						14,867
Newtonville . . . . .						12,711
Newton Highlands . . . . .						8,175
Auburndale . . . . .						6,428
West Newton . . . . .						4,278
Newton Upper Falls . . . . .						3,809
Newton Lower Falls . . . . .						2,642
Oak Hill . . . . .						977
Nonantum . . . . .						860
Total agency distribution . . . . .						54,747
Books delivered to 17 of the 20 Public Schools.						
to High School . . . . .						556
Clafin . . . . .						510
Prospect. . . . .						380
Eliot . . . . .						344
Underwood . . . . .						338
Bigelow . . . . .						304
Lincoln . . . . .						284
Adams . . . . .						239
Williams . . . . .						220
Oak Hill . . . . .						161
Jackson . . . . .						151
Rice . . . . .						145
Mason . . . . .						100
Pierce . . . . .						70
Franklin . . . . .						60
Davis . . . . .						10
Hyde . . . . .						10
Total number of books delivered for school use . . . . .						3,882

## E.

ACCESSIONS.	1888.	1887.	1886.
Increase by purchase . . . . .	1,804	971	1,598
by gift . . . . .	103	300	183
by binding paraphlets . . . . .	7	4	4
by binding periodicals . . . . .	96	91	110
Number of missing volumes restored since last report . . . . .	-	-	-
Total accessions for the year . . . . .	2,010	1,366	1,895
Number of volumes missing or withdrawn since last report . . . . .	55	39	120
Actual increase . . . . .	1,955	1,327	1,775
Number of volumes in the Library, as last reported . . . . .	26,411	25,084	23,309
Total number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	28,366	26,411	25,084
Number of pamphlets bound since last report . . . . .	74	20	24
Number of newspapers subscribed for . . . . .	36	31	30
of newspapers given . . . . .	7	15	14
of magazines subscribed for . . . . .	71	60	60
of magazines given . . . . .	9	16	10
Total number received . . . . .	123	122	114

## F.

CLASSIFICATION, GROWTH, SIZE, AND USE.	Increase during the Year.	Total Number of Volumes.	Volumes issued during the Year.	Per Cent. of Circulation.		
				1888.	1887.	1886.
<i>Literature.</i>						
Prose fiction and juvenile reading . . . . .	329	6,111	69,462	66.34	64.62	65.96
Essays, poetry, and drama .	300	3,483	6,737	6.43	6.78	7.27
Periodicals . . . . .	94	1,922	2,521	2.41	2.68	1.8
Foreign literature . . . . .	61	587	477	.46	.33	.33
<i>History.</i>						
Geography and travels . . .	163	2,537	7,838	7.49	8.31	8.02
Biography . . . . .	218	2,675	4,676	4.47	4.43	3.97
History . . . . .	198	2,633	4,922	4.70	4.83	5.03
<i>Arts and Sciences.</i>						
Natural science and indus- trial arts . . . . .	220	2,764	6,041	5.77	6.69	5.92
Political and social science .	115	1,453	1,141	1.09	1.15	.88
Theology . . . . .	67	1,212	708	.68	.69	.61
Reference Library . . . . .	190	2,989	177	.16	.09	.21
Acessions for the year . . .	1,955	-	-	-	-	-
Number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	-	23,366	-	-	-	-
Circulation for the year . .	-	-	104700	-	-	-

## G.

Received for catalogues sold in 1888 . . . . .	\$14 00
Paid City Treasurer . . . . .	\$14 00

# LIST OF PERIODICALS FOR 1889 IN THE READING ROOMS.

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## MAGAZINES.

All the Year Round.	English Illustrated Magazine.
American Agriculturist.	Fortnightly.
American Architect.	Forum.
American Garden.	Garden and Forest.
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American Naturalist.	Good Housekeeping.
American Notes and Queries.	Harper's Magazine.
American Philatelist.	Haus und Herd.
Andover Review.	Illustrated London News.
Appalachia.	Journal of Franklin Institute.
Art Amateur.	Lend a Hand.
Art Interchange.	Library Journal.
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Country Gentleman.	Nation.
Critic.	Nature.
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Edinburgh Review.	New Eng. Jour. of Education.
Education.	New Englander and Yale Review.
Engineering and Building Record.	Nineteenth Century.



North American Review.  
 Notes and Queries.  
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 Overland.  
 Political Science Quarterly.  
 Popular Science Monthly.  
 Public Opinion.  
 Publisher's Weekly.  
 Puck.  
 Quarterly Jour. of Economics.

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 Scientific American.  
 Scientific American Supplement.  
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 Westminster Review.  
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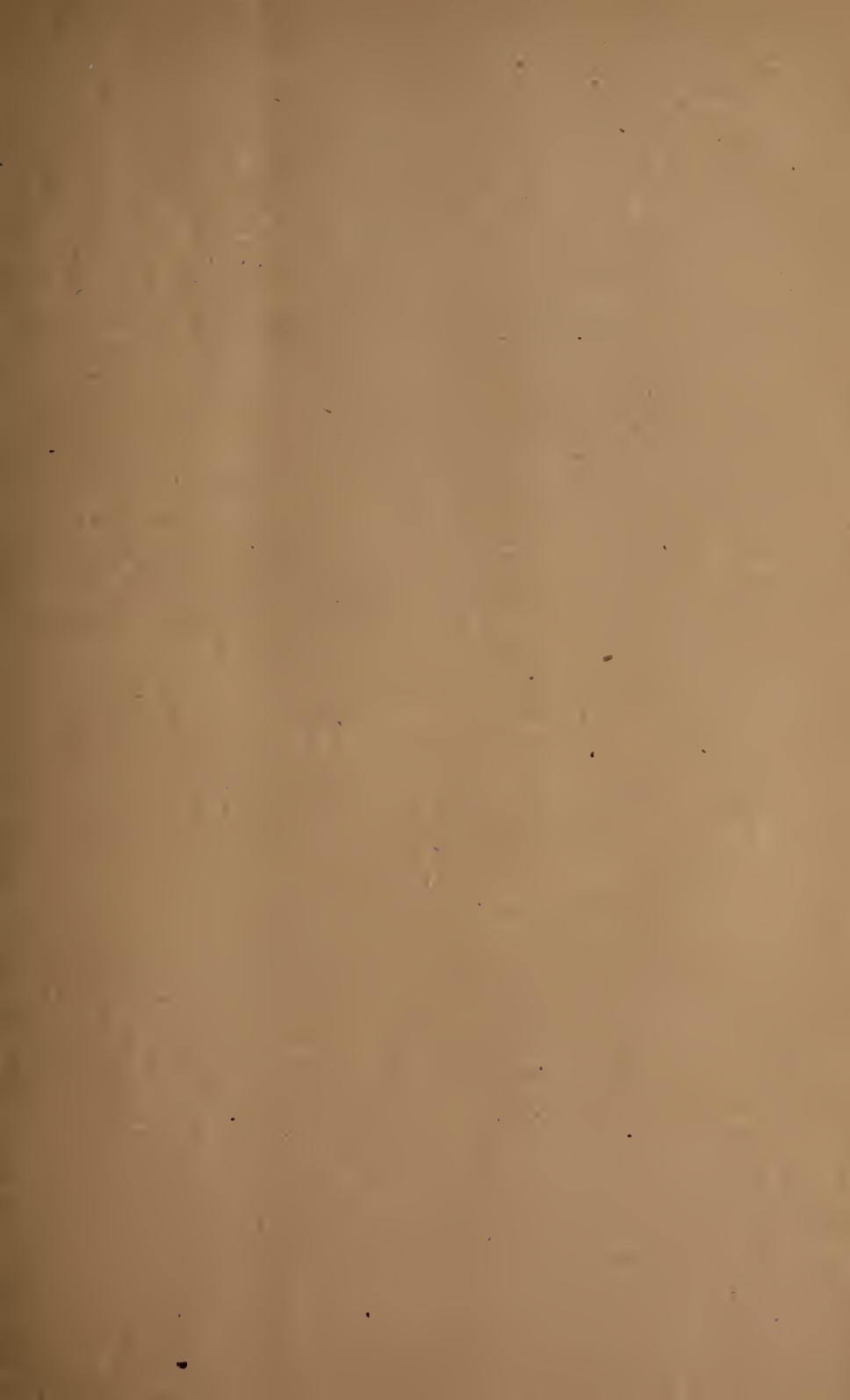
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 Boston Transcript.  
 Boston Traveller\*  
 Brooklyn Eagle.  
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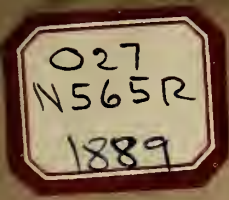
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 London Times.  
 Montreal Gazette.  
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 New York Evening Post.  
 New York Herald.  
 New York Sun.  
 New York Times.  
 New York Tribune.  
 New York World.  
 Newton Graphic.  
 Newton Journal.  
 Philadelphia Press.  
 St. Louis Globe Democrat.  
 Saturday Evening Gazette.  
 Springfield Republican.  
 Washington Evening Star.  
 Woman's Journal.\*  
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*To his Honor the Mayor and the City Council of Newton,  
Massachusetts :*

It affords the Trustees of the Newton Free Library great pleasure at this time, to again report the continuous and increasing good accomplished by the institution under their immediate charge. Every thing pertaining to the Library has worked harmoniously and well the past year, with good results in every department. Full details of the receipts, expenditures, accessions, circulation, etc., appear in the report of the Superintendent, and the statistical tables of the Librarian herewith submitted. These show a decrease in the circulation of works of fiction during the past year, and an increase in works on arts and sciences, history, geography, poetry, travels, essays and periodicals. This improvement our Librarian attributes in a large measure, to the facilities now afforded each of the teachers in our public schools, for taking from the Library ten volumes at a time for use in the schools.

This privilege was availed of the past year to the extent of 4496 volumes.

The distributing agencies for the five more distant wards of the city have worked satisfactorily, having distributed during

the year more than one half of the entire circulation of the library.

The magazine and newspaper departments in "Chaffin" and "Jewett" halls, are liberally supplied with the current periodicals and newspapers of the day, and it is gratifying to witness the increasing number of readers in both departments. The shelving in our "public document" room (Read Hall) is now completely filled, and we shall be compelled this current year to call on the Public Property Committee of the City Council to furnish additional shelving therein. In addition to the books provided for general circulation from the appropriation made by the City Council the past year, there has been expended for books and works of art from the income derived from the

"Jewett Art Fund" . . . .	\$178 00
"Alden Speare Fund" . . . .	36 21
"Charles Read Fund" . . . .	275 52
"Farlow Reference Fund" . . . .	221 70
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a total of	\$711 43

The Trustees cordially renew their invitation to the Mayor and City Council and the citizens generally to visit the Library as often as possible and witness for themselves its practical operation.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees.

J. S. FARLOW, *President.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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*To the Board of Trustees of the Newton Free Library :—*

GENTLEMEN :— I have the honor to submit to you a statement of the present condition of the Library and a report of its progress through the year ending December 31, 1889.

The tabulated statistics at the close of this report present in detail the work and expenses of the Library for the year and afford an opportunity for comparison with the two previous years.

During the year the circulation of books has increased, reaching a total of 105,230 which is 530 in excess of any former year.

The Library has been much more largely used than heretofore by persons seeking to examine its books of reference and art and spending hours in reading and studying, and this has increased to such an extent that we have found it desirable to keep the Reference Room open an hour later in the evening.

The number of volumes circulated during the year was 105,230.

The number of volumes added during the year was 2,256.

The whole number of books now in the Library is 30,622.

The amount of appropriation made by the City Council for the year was \$10,295.

The work of the Library is itself constantly increasing.

The largest number of books delivered at the Library on any one day was 680, on Feb. 23.

The number of books covered was 12,508.

The registered number of names of persons using the Library is 8,773.

The amount collected from fines during the year was \$383.66 and \$27.66 has been received from the sale of Bulletins and old paper.

Some changes have been made in the Library force during the year. The long felt want of an assistant librarian to look after the Reading Room and care for the magazines and other property has been supplied in the person of Miss Katherine K. Wood, a lady of wide experience in Library work. Her desk is in Chaffin Hall, where she commands a view of the Reading Room, and thus is enabled to suppress the conversational tendencies of the rising generation.

Mr. Chester A. Bass, our efficient janitor, finding a change of climate necessary owing to the illness of his wife, resigned his position. He has been succeeded by Mr. Henry J. Marshman, who thus far appears to be a conscientious, painstaking man.

The delivery system of the Library has been much improved during the current year. The books have been distributed every secular day with the exception of legal holidays at the nine different agencies scattered throughout the city. The books are collected in the morning, brought to the Library, and the new ones returned early in the afternoon. In addition to this the messenger delivers and collects books from eighteen of the public schools in the city. The prompt and accurate delivery of the books, together with the polite and obliging conduct of the messenger, have been the subject of commendation from citizens of the different parts of our city.

The Newton Jersey Stock Club has again placed us under



a special obligation by the gift to the Library of a beautiful life sized portrait of our honored President. No more fitting or acceptable gift could have been presented to the Library than such a memorial of this liberal, public spirited citizen who has so often honored himself by his liberality towards it. The portrait adorns the wall of the Farlow Reference Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN C. KENNEDY,  
*Superintendent.*



# APPENDIX.

## A.

RECEIPTS.	1889.	1888.	1887.
December 31.			
Municipal appropriation . .	\$10,295 00	\$10,170 00	\$8,500 00
Fines, bulletins, etc. . . . .	418 38	446 39	277 79
Cash on hand at last report . .	5 64	56	1 22
	\$10,719 02	\$10,616 95	\$8,779 01

## B.

EXPENDITURES.	1889.	1888.	1887.
December 31.			
Salaries . . . . .	\$4,042 15	\$3,518 16	\$3,636 42
Reading room . . . . .	504 60	463 60	456 85
Incidentals . . . . .	169 76	168 85	241 10
Repairs . . . . .	11 80	428 28	160 36
Furniture and fixtures . . . .	63 29	233 95	845 66
Printing bulletins . . . . .	—	188 40	—
Printing and advertising . . .	36 75	123 35	87 35
Binding . . . . .	380 05	242 55	141 42
Books . . . . .	3,061 49	2,455 49	972 58
Light . . . . .	569 40	539 80	543 60
Fuel . . . . .	288 40	553 50	305 79
Distributing agencies & express.	1,425 21	1,292 95	1,193 95
Blanks and stationery . . . .	102 72	392 43	172 60
Postage account . . . . .	21 50	10 00	20 77
Total expenditure . . . .	10,677 12	10,611 31	8,778 45
Bal. with City Treasurer, \$0.11			
Bal. at the Library . . . . .	41 79		
Total balance . . . . .	41 90	5 64	56
	\$10,719 02	\$10,616 95	\$8,779 01

## C.

CIRCULATION.	1889.	1888.	1887.
Number of days the Library was open . . . . .	304	305	230
of holidays the Library was closed . . . .	9	8	8
of other week-days the Library was closed . . . . .	—	—	75
of volumes delivered for home use . . . .	105,230	104,700	70,005
Average daily use . . . . .	346.1	343.2	304.3
Largest daily use, Feb. 23, 1889,	680	—	—
March 17, 1888 . . . . .	—	641	—
November 26, 1887, . . . . .	—	—	526
Smallest daily use, July 25, 1889,	187	—	—
November 26, 1888, . . . . .	—	90	—
July 1, 1887 . . . . .	—	—	128
Number of books lost and not paid for . . . . .	15	12	10
of books lost and paid for . . . . .	2	4	5
of books worn out and withdrawn . . . . .	50	39	24
of notices to delinquents . . . . .	177	262	649
of volumes covered . . . . .	12,508	13,460	13,954
of volumes bound . . . . .	884	601	318
of names registered during the year . . . . .	1,026	1,025	1,485
Total number of names registered . . . . .	8,773	7,747	6,722

## D.

DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE AGENCIES AND TO THE SCHOOLS.		1889.
Books distributed at	Newton Centre . . . . .	13,676
	Newtonville . . . . .	11,902
	Newton Highlands . . . . .	8,324
	Auburndale . . . . .	6,578
	West Newton . . . . .	5,259
	Newton Upper Falls . . . . .	2,908
	Newton Lower Falls . . . . .	2,440
	Oak Hill . . . . .	933
	Nonantum . . . . .	763
Total agency distribution . . . . .		52,780
Books delivered to 18 of the 20 Public Schools.		
	to Elliot . . . . .	546
	Bigelow . . . . .	482
	Prospect . . . . .	423
	Underwood . . . . .	421
	High . . . . .	383
	Adams . . . . .	374
	Mason . . . . .	291
	Claffin . . . . .	279
	Williams . . . . .	272
	Hyde . . . . .	191
	Lincoln . . . . .	190
	Pierce . . . . .	174
	Oak Hill . . . . .	120
	Barnard . . . . .	100
	Rice . . . . .	100
	Franklin . . . . .	90
	Davis . . . . .	30
	Jackson . . . . .	30
Total number of books delivered for school use . . . . .		4,496

## E.

ACCESSIONS.	1889.	1888.	1887.
Increase by purchase . . . . .	2,050	1,804	971
by gift . . . . .	128	103	300
by binding pamphlets . . . . .	8	7	4
by binding periodicals . . . . .	136	96	91
Number of missing volumes restored since last report . . . . .	1	—	—
Total accessions for the year . . . . .	2,323	2,010	1,366
Number of volumes missing or withdrawn since last report . . . . .	67	55	39
Actual increase . . . . .	2,256	1,955	1,327
Number of volumes in the Library, as last reported . . . . .	28,366	26,411	25,084
Total number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	30,622	28,366	26,411
Number of pamphlets bound since last report . . . . .	32	74	20
Number of newspapers subscribed for . . . . .	34	36	31
of newspapers given . . . . .	9	7	15
of magazines subscribed for . . . . .	79	71	60
of magazines given . . . . .	11	9	16
Total number received . . . . .	133	123	122

## F.

CLASSIFICATION, GROWTH, SIZE, AND USE.	Increase during the Year.	Total Num- ber of Volumes.	Volumes is- sued during the Year.	Per Cent of Circulation.		
				1889.	1888.	1887.
<i>Literature.</i>						
Prose, fiction and juvenile reading . . . . .	356	6,467	67,457	64.11	66.34	64.62
Essays, poetry and drama . .	240	3,723	7,139	6.79	6.43	6.78
Periodicals . . . . .	268	2,190	3,212	3.05	2.41	2.08
Foreign literature . . . .	96	683	613	.58	.46	.33
<i>History.</i>						
Geography and travels . . .	241	2,778	8,629	8.20	7.49	8.31
Biography . . . . .	224	2,899	4,628	4.40	4.47	4.43
History . . . . .	168	2,801	5,065	4.81	4.70	4.83
<i>Arts and Sciences.</i>						
Natural science and industri- al arts . . . . .	259	3,023	6,343	6.03	5.77	6.69
Political and social science . .	128	1,581	1,329	1.26	1.09	1.15
Theology . . . . .	42	1,254	768	.73	.68	.69
Reference Library . . . .	234	3,223	47	.04	.16	.09
Accessions for the year . .	2,256	-	-	-	-	-
Number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	-	30,622	-	-	-	-
Circulation for the year . .	-	-	105230	-	-	-

## G.

Received for catalogues sold in 1889 . . . . .	\$13 00
Paid City Treasurer . . . . .	13 00





# LIST OF PERIODICALS FOR 1890 IN THE READING ROOMS.

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## MAGAZINES.

All the Year Round.	Edinburgh Review.
American Agriculturist.	Education.
American Architect.	Engineering and Building Record.
American Garden.	English Illustrated Magazine.
American Naturalist.	Folio.
American Notes and Queries.	Fortnightly.
American Philatelist.	Forum.
Andover Review.	Garden and Forest.
Appalachia.	Gardener's Chronicle.
Art Amateur.	Good Housekeeping.
Art Interchange.	Harper's Magazine.
Atlantic Monthly.	Haus und Herd.
Bibliotheca Sacra.	Home-Maker.
Blackwood's Magazine.	Illustrated London News.
Camp News.*	Journal of Franklin Institute.
Cassell's Family Magazine.	Lend a Hand.
Catholic World.	Library Journal.
Century.	Life.
Chambers' Journal.	Lippincott's Magazine.
Chautauquan.	Literary News.
Civil Service Record.*	Literary World.
Common School Education.	Littell.
Contemporary.	London Punch.
Converted Catholic.*	Magazine of American History.
Cosmopolitan.	Magazine of Art.
Country Gentleman.	Magazine of Western History.
Critic.	Medical Bulletin.*
Decorator and Furnisher.	Nation.

Nationalist.*	Public Opinion.
Nature.	Publisher's Weekly.
New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Reg.	Puck.
New Eng. Jour. of Education.	Quarterly Journal of Economics.
New England Magazine.	Quarterly Review.
Nineteenth Century.	St. Nicholas.
North American Review.	Sanitarian.
Notes and Queries.	Science.
Official Gazette, U. S. Pat. Office.*	Scientific American.
Open Court.*	Scientific American Supplement.
Our Dumb Animals.*	Scribner's Magazine.
Outing.	Stamp World.*
Overland.	United Service Magazine.
People's Cause.*	Westminster Review.
Philanthropist.*	Wide Awake.
Political Science Quarterly.	Writer.
Popular Science Monthly.	Youth's Companion.

#### NEWSPAPERS.

Alta California.	Harper's Weekly.
American Citizen.†	Independent.
Atlanta Constitution.	London Times.
Baltimore American.	Montreal Gazette.
Boston Advertiser.	New Orleans Picayune.
Boston Commercial Bulletin.	New York Evening Post.
Boston Globe.	New York Herald.
Boston Herald.	New York Sun.
Boston Journal.	New York Times.
Boston Post.	New York Tribune.
Boston Transcript.	New York World.
Boston Traveller.†	Newton Graphic.
British American Citizen.†	Newton Journal.
Brooklyn Eagle.	Paradise of the Pacific.†
Charleston News and Courier.	Philadelphia Press.
Chicago Tribune.	St. Louis Globe Democrat.
Christian Leader.†	Saturday Evening Gazette.
Christian Register.†	Springfield Republican.
Cincinnati Commercial.	Washington Evening Star.
Denver Times.†	Woman's Journal.†
Florida Times Union.	Zion's Herald.†
Harper's Bazar.	

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## REPORT OF PRESIDENT.

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*To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council of Newton,  
Massachusetts :*

The Trustees of the Newton Free Library take great pleasure in reporting the growing usefulness and public appreciation of the beneficent institution under their charge. The operation of all its departments during the last year has been harmonious, and no complaints of its management have come to our knowledge.

The report of the Superintendent and the statistical tables of the Librarian, herewith submitted, give all essential details of the work of the Library during the year. From them it appears that the aggregate circulation of the year was 110,627 volumes, against 105,230 in 1889, while the names registered for the purpose of taking books increased from 8,773 to 9,704.

Of the total circulation, 57,296 volumes, or more than half, were distributed through the agencies in the nine other villages. The growing importance of this part of the Library service leads the Trustees to suggest that the time may come in the not distant future when it will be advisable for the city to cooperate with the different villages in maintaining a convenient and comfortable reading room in each of them. A reasonable plan for that purpose would be for

the people of the village, by associate action. to provide the necessary room, lighted and heated, and the city to furnish the reading matter.

The books delivered to fourteen of the twenty public schools of the city were 6,155, against 4,496 in 1889. We regard this as a valuable feature of the Library's usefulness, as it makes the Library a direct help to public education and supplies a real want. The teachers of the city show a disposition to make the most of the privilege, which they warmly appreciate.

About 2,000 volumes have been added to the Library during the year, and the total number of volumes now in the Library is 32,613, against 30,622 by the last annual report.

The percentage of fiction to the whole circulation shows a gratifying decrease, moderate increases appearing in essays, poetry, geography and travels, biography, history, natural sciences and industrial arts. The acquirement of the habit of reading almost inevitably leads to a demand for better quality.

In addition to the liberal appropriation by the City Council for the purchase of books there was expended during the year:

From the Jewett Art Fund	.	.	.	.	\$193 09
From the Alden Speare Fund	.	.	.	.	59 94
From the Charles Read Fund	.	.	.	.	134 25
From the Farlow Reference Fund	.	.	.	.	176 39

The purchases made from these funds are in nearly all cases such as would not be made from the money appropriated by the city, while there is no question of their permanent usefulness to the Library, especially as works of reference.

There is still room for a larger use of the Library, and the people of Newton are cordially invited to make themselves better acquainted with its contents. The new catalogue, which is very much needed, and for which the

City Council has made the required appropriation, will add greatly to the public convenience in the use of the Library.

The Trustees, after a careful consideration of the subject, asked for an appropriation to fit the Library building for electric lighting, which the Council granted. The request was made on grounds of economy and safety, and the work will be undertaken at an early day. It is hoped that it will result in a considerable saving in the cost of lighting, while the danger of fire will be lessened and the air of the rooms improved.

The Free Library sustained a serious loss during the year by the death of Mr. John S. Farlow, one of its liberal patrons, who had been connected with its management almost from the beginning. He was appointed on the first board of managers in 1869 and served three years. He was elected again in 1874 for the full term of five years; but the Library was transferred to the city in 1876, since which time he was a member of the Board of Trustees until his death, and President of the Board from 1881. He was devoted to the interests of the Library and tireless in its service, and he leaves in it one of his many monuments, the Farlow Reference Fund. An honorable and public spirited citizen has ended his work among us, leaving a high example to his associates.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 1st the following resolutions were adopted:

*Whereas*, the sad and sudden decease of our President, HON. JOHN S. FARLOW, has removed from us a long valued friend and associate,—an honored citizen and a public benefactor, whose loss brings profound sorrow to us all, and especially to those nearest and dearest to him, be it therefore

*Resolved*, That in the death of MR. FARLOW we recognize the loss to our community of a man of broadest intellect, enlarged views, sterling integrity, and generous impulses.

His benefactions to our Free Library and his unwearied labors in promoting its usefulness, entitle him to the gratitude of all who enjoy its priceless benefits.

His gift of the noble park, which bears his name, and of the cemetery chapel,

which he dedicated to the memory of his friend, and the friend of every child, are monuments of his beneficence and public spirit.

*Resolved*, That in tender consciousness of our great loss, both in personal and public relations, and in kindly expression of our sincere and heartfelt sympathy with his bereaved family, our secretary be hereby directed to transmit to the latter an official copy hereof.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees,

EDWIN B. HASKELL, *President*.



## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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*To the Trustees of the Newton Free Library:*

*Gentlemen:*—It is made my duty to present to you a statement of the present condition of the Library and a report of its progress during the year of 1890.

I have the honor to submit the usual accompanying tables which give at a glance the work done and its relation to previous years, with the cost to the city of the books which have been bought, of the reading room with its papers and periodicals, and of the administration and incidental expenses during the past year. The whole circulation for the year has been 110,627 volumes; 5,397 in excess of the previous year. The Library itself has been much more largely used than heretofore, especially the Farlow reference room and the reading room. The demand for the reading room by all classes has been so great that it was deemed expedient to keep it open from 7.30 A. M. to 9 P. M., and the hours for keeping the Farlow reference room open will soon have to be increased.

It would be a source of much interest and gratification to any intelligent person to look into this room during almost any evening while open. In addition to its adult occupants a large company of lads, who would otherwise be found in the streets, will be seen reading the newspapers or magazines. Our citizens from the other wards, beside those nearest the Library, are more and more availing themselves of the facili-

ties of the reading room during the day. We have on file papers from all the chief cities in this country from Canada to Mexico, and from Europe to the East.

Ladies forming various literary clubs in the different wards of the city find the Farlow reference room of great advantage to them as well as those pursuing special studies.

A long-felt want has been supplied by putting in an elevator running from the janitor's office to the covering room, thus enabling the janitor and messenger to handle the thousands of books which they are required to do, with comparative ease and safety, instead of carrying them up a flight of stairs as they were formerly obliged to do.

I recommend that a new floor be laid in the reading room during the current year; also that more shelves be put into the document room.

The appropriation made by the City Council for the year was \$10,495. Amount realized from fines, sales of bulletins and old paper was \$468.46.

The whole number of books in the Library is 32,613. Every book is accounted for, and only in a very few instances have they been defaced. The number of books covered was 13,449; 941 in excess of the previous year. The largest number of books delivered at the Library on any one day was 708 on February 24th. The number of books added during the year was 1,991. The registered number of names of persons using the Library is 9,704.

It is no small commendation of our present faithful and accomplished Librarian, and one well deserved, that she has not failed to meet these growing requisitions upon her knowledge of the literature which has been gathered, as well as exhibited a general familiarity with the various subjects under public discussion. Miss Thurston has been well supported also by her assistants. No complaint has reached the ear of the Superintendent as to the readiness or

courtesy with which all demands upon the Library have been met.

There has been some change during the year in its personnel, Miss H. W. Harlowe having retired from the position of assistant. Her place has since been filled by Miss M. E. Chase of Newton, a lady of fine education, well read, of literary tastes, and fond of labor among books. Into her hands falls much of the work of completing the card catalogue.

During the year the Library has been fortunate in receiving many valuable donations of books and works on art, and I desire especially to thank William G. Farlow, M. D., for the following donation. A few weeks before President Farlow's death he requested his son to make out a list of works on fungi, which it would be desirable for the Library to own. Dr. Farlow, who is Professor of Cryptogamic Botany at Harvard College and the leading authority in the country in this branch of study, made the list and sent to London for the works, which have since arrived and been presented to the Library, after being beautifully bound. The works are:—

“Illustrations of British Fungi,” by M. C. Cooke; “Treatise on the Esculent Funguses of England, by C. D. Badham; “Diseases of Plants,” by H. Marshall Ward; “Histoire des Champignons, Comestibles et Veneneux,” with Atlas of Plates, by Jos. Roques; “Sveriges Atliga och Giftiga Svampar,” by E. Fries; and “Die Pilze Nord-Deutschlands,” by Otto Weberbauer.

The many volumes contain hundreds of colored plates of the different species, exquisitely executed and showing wonderful beauty and variety in form and coloring.

Also to Mr. George C. Lord for a beautiful copy of the “History of Middlesex County,” in three volumes; and to Miss Mary Shannon for Tennyson's “Idylls of the King,” illustrated by Dore; works of Capt. Wm. Baillie; “Les

Chefs-d'Œuvre de la Peinture Italienne;" "Eux Fortes Modernes."

During the year our Library met with a great loss in the death of our honored and respected President, John S. Farlow. He had contributed very generously from his fortune and time towards making the Library what it is today. As superintendent it was my fortune to meet him almost daily at the Library, and I always found in him a pleasant, genial, upright man, one always careful of the interests of others, and taking the deepest interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of the City of Newton, especially the Newton Free Library.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. KENNEDY, *Superintendent.*

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Repairs . . . . .	212 49	11 80	428 28
Furniture and fixtures . . . . .	11 10	63 29	233 95
Printing bulletins . . . . .			188 40
Printing and advertising . . . .	37 00	36 75	123 35
Binding . . . . .	434 33	380 05	242 55
Books . . . . .	2,821 95	3,061 49	2,455 49
Light . . . . .	653 60	569 40	539 80
Fuel . . . . .	301 39	288 40	553 50
Distributing agencies and express.	1,467 40	1,425 21	1,292 95
Blanks and stationery . . . . .	84 71	102 72	392 43
Postage account . . . . .	18 33	21 50	10 00
Total expenditure . . . . .	11,005 25	10,677 12	10,611 31
Bal. with City Treasurer, \$0 00			
Balance at the Library, 0 00			
Total balance, \$0 00	0 00	41 90	5 64
	\$11,005 25	\$10,719 02	\$10,616 95

## C.

CIRCULATION.	1890.	1889.	1888.
Number of days the Library was open . . . . .	305	304	305
Number of holidays the Library was closed . . . . .	8	9	8
Number of other week-days the Library was closed . . . . .	..	..	..
Number of volumes delivered for home use . . . . .	110,627	105,230	104,700
Average daily use . . . . .	362.3	346.1	343.2
Largest daily use, Feb. 24, 1890 . . . . .	708	..	..
Feb. 23, 1889 . . . . .	..	680	..
Mar. 17, 1888 . . . . .	..	..	641
Smallest daily use, Aug. 12, 1890 . . . . .	23	..	..
July 25, 1889 . . . . .	..	187	..
Nov. 26, 1888 . . . . .	..	..	90
Number of books lost and not paid for . . . . .	6	15	12
Number of books lost and paid for . . . . .	5	2	4
Number of books worn out and withdrawn . . . . .	129	50	39
Number of notices to delinquents, of volumes covered . . . . .	169	177	262
of volumes bound . . . . .	13,449	12,508	13,460
of names registered during the year . . . . .	1,117	884	601
931	1,026	1,025	
Total number of names registered	9,704	8,773	7,747

## D.

DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE AGENCIES AND TO THE SCHOOLS.	1890.
Books distributed at Newton Centre . . . . . Newtonville . . . . . Newton Highlands . . . . . Auburndale . . . . . West Newton . . . . . Newton Lower Falls . . . . . Newton Upper Falls . . . . . Nonantum . . . . . Oak Hill . . . . .	13,964 13,932 8,746 7,140 5,082 3,753 3,237 879 563
Total agency distribution . . . . .	57,296
Books delivered to 14 of the 20 Public Schools. to Adams . . . . . Mason . . . . . Bigelow . . . . . Underwood . . . . . Prospect . . . . . Eliot . . . . . High . . . . . Williams . . . . . Hyde . . . . . Claffin . . . . . Rice . . . . . Pierce . . . . . Lincoln . . . . . Hamilton . . . . .	795 743 733 666 644 440 428 427 413 359 170 157 130 50
Total number of books delivered for school use . . .	6,155

## E.

ACCESSIONS.	1890.	1889.	1888.
Increase by purchase . . .	1,838	2,050	1,804
by gift . . . . .	123	128	103
by binding pamphlets . .	15	8	7
by binding periodicals . .	143	136	96
Number of missing volumes re- stored since last report . .	1	1	..
Total accessions for the year	2,120	2,323	2,010
Number of volumes missing or withdrawn since last report .	129	67	55
Actual increase . . . . .	1,991	2,256	1,955
Number of volumes in the Li- brary, as last reported . . .	30,622	28,366	26,411
Total number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	32,613	30,622	28,366
Number of pamphlets bound since last report . . . . .	37	32	74
Number of papers subscribed for of newspapers given . . . .	35 8	34 9	36 7
of magazines subscribed for . . . . .	79	79	71
of magazines given . . . .	11	11	9
Total number received . .	133	133	123



## F.

CLASSIFICATION, GROWTH, SIZE, AND USE.	Increase during the Year.	Total Number of Volumes.	Volumes issued during the Year.	Per Cent. of Circulation.		
				1890.	1889.	1888.
<i>Literature.</i>						
Prose, fiction, and juvenile read- ing . . . . .	224	6,691	68,417	61.84	64.11	66.34
Essays, poetry, and drama . . . .	253	3,976	8,197	7.41	6.79	6.43
Periodicals . . . . .	313	2,503	3,569	3.23	3.05	2.41
Foreign Literature . . . . .	66	749	513	.46	.58	.46
<i>History.</i>						
Geography and travels . . . . .	185	2,963	9,374	8.47	8.20	7.49
Biography . . . . .	203	3,102	5,406	4.89	4.40	4.47
History . . . . .	151	2,952	5,701	5.15	4.81	4.70
<i>Arts and Sciences.</i>						
Natural science and industrial arts . . . . .	247	3,270	7,432	6.72	6.03	5.77
Political and social science . . . .	98	1,679	1,197	1.08	1.26	1.09
Theology . . . . .	83	1,337	804	.73	.73	.68
Reference Library . . . . .	168	3,391	17	.02	.04	.16
Accessions for the year . . . . .	1,991					
Number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	..	32,613	..	..	..	..
Circulation for the year . . . . .	..	..	110,627	..	..	..

## G.

Received for catalogues sold in 1890 . . . . .	\$7.00
Paid City Treasurer . . . . .	7.00



## LIST OF PERIODICALS FOR 1891 IN THE READING ROOMS.

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### MAGAZINES.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| All the Year Round.         | Edinburgh Review.                |
| American Agriculturist.     | Education.                       |
| American Architect.         | Engineering and Building Record. |
| American Garden.            | English Illustrated Magazine.    |
| American Naturalist.        | Folio.*                          |
| American Notes and Queries. | Fortnightly.                     |
| American Philatelist.       | Forum.                           |
| Andover Review.             | Garden and Forest.               |
| Appalachia.                 | Gardener's Chronicle.            |
| Arena.                      | Good Housekeeping.               |
| Art Amateur.                | Harper's Magazine.               |
| Art Interchange.            | Haus und Herd.                   |
| Atlantic Monthly.           | Home-Maker.                      |
| Bibliotheca Sacra.          | Illustrated London News.         |
| Blackwood's Magazine.       | Lend a Hand.                     |
| Cassell's Family Magazine.  | Library Journal.                 |
| Catholic World.             | Life.                            |
| Century.                    | Lippincott's Magazine.           |
| Chambers' Journal.          | Literary News.                   |
| Chautauquan.                | Literary World.                  |
| Civil Service Record.*      | Littell.                         |
| Common School Education.    | London Punch.                    |
| Contemporary.               | Magazine of American History.    |
| Converted Catholic.         | Magazine of Art.                 |
| Cosmopolitan.               | Magazine of Western History.     |
| Country Gentleman.          | Medical Bulletin.*               |
| Critic.                     | Nation.                          |
| Decorator and Furnisher.    | Nationalist.*                    |

Nature.	Publishers' Weekly.
New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Reg.	Puck.
New Eng. Journal of Education.	Quarterly Journal of Economics.
New England Magazine.	Quarterly Review.
New Englander and Yale Rev.	St. Nicholas.
Nineteenth Century.	Sanitarian.
North American Review.	Science.
Notes and Queries.	Scientific American.
Official Gazette, U. S. Pat Office *	Scientific American Supplement.
Open Court.*	Scribner's Magazine.
Our Dumb Animals.*	Traveler's Record.
Outing.	United Service Magazine.
Overland.	Westminster Review.
Philanthropist.*	Wide Awake.
Political Science Monthly.	Writer.
Political Science Quarterly.	Youth's Companion.
Public Opinion.	

### NEWSPAPERS.

Alta California.	Harper's Bazar.
American Citizen.†	Harper's Weekly.
Atlanta Constitution.	Independent.
Baltimore American.	London Times.
Boston Advertiser.	Montreal Gazette.
Boston Commercial Bulletin.	New Orleans Picayune.
Boston Globe.	New York Evening Post.
Boston Herald.	New York Herald.
Boston Journal.	New York Sun.
Boston Post.	New York Times.
Boston Transcript.	New York Tribune.
Boston Traveller.	New York World.
British American Citizen.†	Newton Graphic.
Brooklyn Eagle.	Newton Journal.
Charleston News and Courier.	Paradise of the Pacific.†
Chicago Tribune.	Philadelphia Press.
Christian Leader.†	St. Louis Globe Democrat.
Christian Register.†	Saturday Evening Gazette.
Cincinnati Commercial.	Springfield Republican.
Denver Times.†	Woman's Journal.†
Florida Times Union.	Zion's Herald.

\* Represents magazines given.

† Represents newspapers given.











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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

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*To His Honor the Mayor and the City Council of Newton,  
Massachusetts:*

The Trustees of the Newton Free Library are pleased to be able to report the continued and increasing usefulness of the institution under their charge. The year has been one of efficient management and steady growth. New fields of service have been opened, the opportunities for the public to use the Library have been increased, and the liberality of the city government, supplemented by the income of endowment funds, has enabled us to increase the stock of books as rapidly as is desirable.

The report of the Superintendent and the tables prepared by the Librarian, herewith submitted, give the details of the work for the year. From these it appears that the total number of volumes delivered during the year for home use was 105,988, of which a few more than one half were sent out through the village agencies. The number delivered to the several schools of the city was 6,635. The total number of names registered for taking books is now 10,615. Something over two thousand volumes have been added to the Library during the year, and the total number of volumes now in the Library is 34,730. On the average each book in the Library is taken out three times during the year, and as most books taken out are read by more than one person, it is evident that our books are finding their true usefulness. This might be increased, however, by a still more rapid circulation, and it is desirable that our citizens

should have a more lively sense of the treasures at their command. The time should quickly come when every village shall have a well appointed reading room in connection with the Library agency, where every advantage of the central building, with the exception of expensive books of reference, can be enjoyed. This would undoubtedly tend to a larger use of the Library books. .

Among the valuable books of reference added to the Library during the year are Larousse's *Grand Dictionnaire Universel du XIX<sup>e</sup> Siecle*, 17 volumes; the concluding volumes of the Century Dictionary; Sargent's Silva of North America, a work of special value; Walker's International Atlas; the new Atlas of Massachusetts; and the Iconographic Encyclopædia.

Among the gifts received by the Library were an excellent copy of the celebrated Macklin Bible, ten volumes, large folio, richly illustrated with engravings from the most eminent English Artists, presented by Mr. Lewis H. Farlow. This is a rare treasure, worthy of the attention of every lover of beautiful specimens of the book-maker's art. The Library received several other valuable gifts during the year.

The work of fitting the Library building for electric lighting, for which we asked an appropriation last year, was carried through early in the summer, and the new light is a great convenience as well as a safeguard against fire. It is doubtful whether it will save any expense, but if it costs no more than gas the change will be amply justified.

A very important work of the year has been the publication of a new catalogue of the Library, prepared on what is known as the Dictionary plan, which is found to be the most convenient for practical use. The preparation of the copy for this volume of nearly seven hundred large octavo pages and the reading of the proof, entailed a great deal of hard work for the Librarian and her first assistant, as it was done without the employment of extra help. The volume

was printed in a workmanlike manner by the Newton Journal Job Office. We asked for and received an appropriation of \$2,700 to do this work, and were able to turn back into the city treasury \$444.04 of that sum. We can report that the work was done well and economically.

From the beginning of the year 1892, the Library is to be kept open continuously from 10 A. M. to 8 P. M., thus doing away with the intermission from 12 to 2, which has been the rule hitherto.

A new agency is to be established at Waban, beginning with the New Year, with tri-weekly service of books from the Library.

It has been found necessary to employ one additional assistant Librarian.

The amount expended from the several endowment funds for the year was as follows:

From the Jewett Art Fund . . . . .	\$184 75
From the Alden Speare Fund . . . . .	64 25
From the Charles Read Fund . . . . .	653 15
From the Farlow Reference Fund . . . . .	405 17

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Trustees.

EDWIN B. HASKELL,  
*President.*



## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

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*To the Board of Trustees of the Newton Free Library:*

GENTLEMEN :—The appropriation asked by the trustees for the Library for the last year was \$11,280.00, in connection with a carefully revised schedule of expenses, and a special appropriation of \$2,700 for a new catalogue, and I am happy to state that the entire sum asked for was generously granted by the City Council.

The work of the Library during the past year has been one of unusual activity. Early in the season the entire building was wired and equipped with Incandescent Electric lights which we find to be a great improvement over gas. The air through the Library is very much better, especially so during the warm weather. The circulation for the year has been 105,988 volumes. The largest number of books delivered at the Library on any one day was 750 on March 7th, which is forty-eight in excess of any previous day since the opening of the Library.

The Library while increasing in size, is also growing towards a still greater degree of usefulness, if we may judge from its use and the deep interest taken by a large number of citizens.

To meet the demand of a large and growing section of the city, we have found it necessary to open another agency at Waban. During the year there has been an increase in the number of books delivered at the different school houses throughout the city. The teachers and scholars alike unite in hearty commendation of the great advantages to them of

the Library through the delivery system. 6,635 volumes were delivered at the schools during the past year.

The Library is now open every secular day, with the exception of legal holidays, from 10 A. M., until 8 P. M., and the Reading Room from 8 A. M., until 9 P. M. The number of volumes in the Library December 31, 1891, was 34,730. The number added during the year was 2,117. The delivery system which is now recognized as an essential means of making the Library useful, retains its strong hold upon the community. During the past year 53,883 volumes have been delivered at the agencies throughout the different parts of the city. The number of books covered during the year was 14,208. Amount of money received from fines and bulletins was \$416.99.

Some changes have been made in the Library force during the year. In the middle of the year Miss M. Ella Chase retired from the position of assistant. Her place has since been supplied by Miss Louise Stuart of Newton, a lady of fine education, well read, of literary tastes and fond of labor among books. Into her hands falls much of the work of completing the card catalogue. The work of the Library is constantly increasing, and it was deemed advisable to add another assistant to the staff in Edmands Hall, and Miss Clara R. Dennen of West Newton has been appointed to that position. Miss Dennen has been connected with the Library for some time, and is thoroughly conversant with the duties required and is in every way well qualified to fill the position.

A long felt want has been supplied in the new and handsome Catalogue just published. It was printed at the Newton Journal Office, Newton, where great pains was taken with it. A new and very clear type was used and the result is a very satisfactory volume, containing nearly seven hundred pages. The work registered over 34,000 volumes, and is throughout a most admirable specimen of

typography. To Miss Elizabeth P. Thurston, our faithful and accomplished Librarian, and her efficient assistant, Miss Louise Stuart, especially, is due the grateful acknowledgement of the trustees and patrons of the Library for their skilful and painstaking efforts in the long and tedious work of compiling this large volume. Only those familiar with statistical work or with the peculiar duties of compilation that form a large part of such labor can fully appreciate the care necessary to accomplish perfect results.

We are indebted to several prominent citizens of Newton for many valuable gifts to the Library, among which was a fine picture of the Massachusetts Senate of 1891, from Senator Gorham D. Gilman; from Lewis H. Farlow, a Bible in nine large folio volumes very fully illustrated.

We have been placed in such good condition during the year that our material wants for the year to come will be small outside of the expense of the regular administration of the Library. Our Public Documents, through the politeness of our representatives in Congress and of our State legislative representatives and authorities, have increased so rapidly that additional shelf room has been put into Read Hall.

In the Appendix, detailed statistical tables are given, which present the comparative work and condition of the Library, and its results during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. KENNEDY, *Superintendent.*





# APPENDIX.

## A.

RECEIPTS.	1891.	1890.	1889.
Municipal appropriation . . . . .	\$11,280 00	\$10,495 00	\$10,295 00
Special appropriation for catalogue . . . . .	2,700 00	..	..
Fines, bulletins, etc. . . . .	416 99	468 46	418 38
Cash on hand at last report . . . . .	..	41 79	5 64
	\$14,396 99	\$11,005 25	\$10,719 02

## B.

EXPENDITURES.	1891.	1890.	1889.
Salaries . . . . .	\$4,396 42	\$4,186 51	\$4,042 15
Reading Room . . . . .	497 90	539 51	504 60
Incidentals . . . . .	132 41	236 93	169 76
Repairs . . . . .	31 34	212 49	11 80
Furniture and fixtures . . . . .	107 25	11 10	63 29
Fixtures and wiring for electric lighting . . . . .	861 73		
Printing catalogue . . . . .	2,255 96		
Printing and advertising . . . . .	117 40	37 00	36 75
Binding . . . . .	306 25	434 33	380 05
Books . . . . .	2,428 12	2,821 95	3,061 49
Light . . . . .	649 21	653 60	569 40
Fuel . . . . .	266 59	301 39	288 40
Distributing agencies and express . . . . .	1,739 98	1,467 40	1,425 21
Blanks and stationery . . . . .	120 41	84 71	102 72
Postage account . . . . .	24 50	18 33	21 50
Total expenditure . . . . .	\$13,935 47	\$11,005 25	\$10,677 12
Bal. with City Treasurer, \$ 0 16			
Balance at the Library, 17 32			
Total balance	17 48	0 00	41 90
Bal. of special catalogue appropriation of \$2,700 with City Treasurer, not expended . . . . .	444 04		
	\$14,396 99	\$11,005 25	\$10,719 02

## C.

CIRCULATION.	1891.	1890.	1889.
Number of days the Library was open . . . . .	305	305	304
Number of holidays the Library was closed . . . . .	8	8	9
Number of other week-days the Library was closed . . . . .	..	..	..
Number of volumes delivered for home use . . . . .	105,988	110,627	105,230
Average daily use . . . . .	347	362	346
Largest daily use, Mar. 7, 1891. . . . .	750	..	..
Feb. 24, 1890. . . . .	..	708	..
Feb. 23, 1889. . . . .	..	..	680
Smallest daily use, Aug. 20, 1891. . . . .	180	..	..
Aug. 12, 1890. . . . .	..	23	..
July 25, 1889. . . . .	..	..	187
Number of books lost and not paid for . . . . .	13	6	15
Number of books lost and paid for . . . . .	8	5	2
Number of books worn out and withdrawn . . . . .	46	129	50
Number of notices to delinquents . . . . .	228	169	177
Number of volumes covered . . . . .	14,204	13,449	12,508
Number of volumes bound . . . . .	756	1,117	884
Number of names registered during the year . . . . .	911	931	1,026
Total number of names registered . . . . .	10,615	9,704	8,773

## D.

DISTRIBUTION THROUGH THE AGENCIES AND TO THE SCHOOLS.	1891.
Books distributed at Newtonville . . . . . Newton Centre . . . . . Newton Highlands . . . . . Auburndale . . . . . West Newton . . . . . Newton Upper Falls . . . . . Newton Lower Falls . . . . . Nonantum . . . . . Oak Hill . . . . .	14,241 12,424 8,114 6,991 5,451 2,938 2,371 924 429
Total agency distribution . . . . .	53,883
Books delivered to the Public Schools. to Underwood . . . . . Prospect . . . . . Mason . . . . . Eliot . . . . . Adams . . . . . Bigelow . . . . . Hyde . . . . . Williams . . . . . High . . . . . Claffin . . . . . Lincoln . . . . . Pierce . . . . . Rice . . . . .	1,001 722 699 681 611 520 515 501 474 419 219 143 130
Total number of books delivered for school use . . .	6,635

## E.

ACCESSIONS.	1891.	1890.	1889.
Increase by purchase . . . .	1,884	1,838	2,050
by gift . . . . .	180	123	128
by binding pamphlets . . . .	3	15	8
by binding periodicals . . . .	117	143	136
Number of missing volumes re- stored since last report . . . .	..	1	1
Total accessions for the year	2,184	2,120	2,323
Number of volumes missing or withdrawn since last report . .	67	129	67
Actual increase . . . . .	2,117	1,991	2,256
Number of volumes in the Li- brary, as last reported . . . .	32,613	30,622	28,366
Total number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	34,730	32,613	30,622
Number of pamphlets bound since last report . . . . .	8	37	32
Number of newspapers sub- scribed for . . . . .	35	35	34
of newspapers given . . . . .	7	8	9
of magazines subscribed for . . . . .	81	79	79
of magazines given . . . . .	10	11	11
Total number received . . . .	133	133	133

## F.

CLASSIFICATION, GROWTH, SIZE AND USE.	Increase during the Year.	Total Number of Volumes.	Volumes issued during the Year.	Per Cent of Circulation.		
				1891.	1890.	1889.
<i>Literature.</i>						
Prose fiction . . . . .	295	6,986	65,516	61.81	61.84	64.11
Essays, poetry and drama . . . . .	250	4,226	7,862	7.42	7.41	6.79
Periodicals . . . . .	158	2,661	3,568	3.37	3.23	3.05
Foreign literature . . . . .	52	801	563	.53	.46	.58
<i>History.</i>						
Geography and travels . . . . .	169	3,132	8,484	8.01	8.47	8.20
Biography . . . . .	214	3,316	4,897	4.62	4.89	4.40
History . . . . .	174	3,126	5,960	5.62	5.15	4.81
<i>Arts and Sciences.</i>						
Natural science and industrial arts . . . . .	334	3,604	7,125	6.72	6.72	6.03
Political and social science . . . . .	168	1,847	1,216	1.15	1.08	1.26
Theology and ethics . . . . .	47	1,384	756	.71	.73	.73
Reference books . . . . .	256	3,647	41	.04	.02	.04
Accessions for the year . . . . .	2,117					
Number of volumes in the Library . . . . .	..	34,730	..	..	..	..
Circulation for the year . . . . .	..	..	105,988	..	..	..

## G.

Received for catalogues sold in 1891 . . . . . \$1.00  
 Paid City Treasurer . . . . . 1.00



## LIST OF PERIODICALS FOR 1892 IN THE READING ROOM.

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### MAGAZINES.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| All the Year Round.         | Edinburgh Review.              |
| American Agriculturist.     | Education.                     |
| American Architect.         | Electrical Engineer.           |
| American Gardening.         | Engineering and Building News. |
| American Naturalist.        | English Illustrated Magazine.  |
| American Notes and Queries. | Folio*                         |
| American Philatelist.       | Fortnightly.                   |
| Andover Review.             | Forum.                         |
| Appalachia.                 | Garden and Forest.             |
| Arena.                      | Gardener's Chronicle.          |
| Art Amateur.                | Good Housekeeping.             |
| Art Interchange.            | Harper's Monthly.              |
| Atlantic Monthly.           | Haus und Herd.                 |
| Bibliotheca Sacra.          | Home-Maker.                    |
| Blackwood's Magazine.       | Illustrated London News.       |
| Boston Musical Herald.      | Lend a Hand.                   |
| Cassell's Family Magazine.  | Library Journal.               |
| Catholic World.             | Life.                          |
| Century.                    | Lippincott's Magazine.         |
| Chamber's Journal.          | Literary News.                 |
| Chatauquan.                 | Literary World.                |
| Civil Service Record.*      | Littell.                       |
| Common School Education.    | London Punch.                  |
| Contemporary Review.        | Macmillan's Magazine.          |
| Converted Catholic.*        | Magazine of American History.  |
| Cosmopolitan.               | Magazine of Art.               |
| Country Gentleman.          | Medical Bulletin.*             |
| Critic.                     | Nation.                        |
| Decorator and Furnisher.    | National Magazine.             |

Nature.	Publishers' Weekly.
New Eng. Hist. and Gen. Reg.	Puck.
New Eng. Journal of Education.	Quarterly Journal of Economics.
New England Magazine.	Quarterly Review.
New Englander and Yale Rev.	Reviews of Reviews.
Nineteenth Century.	St. Nicholas.
North American Review.	Sanitarian.
Notes and Queries.	Science.
Official Gazette, U. S. Pat. Office.*	Scientific American.
Open Court.*	Scientific American Supplement.
Our Dumb Animals.*	Scribner's Magazine.
Outing.	Traveler's Record.*
Outlook.	United States Magazine.
Overland.	Westminster Review.
Philanthropist.*	Wide Awake.
Political Science Quarterly.	Writer.
Popular Science Monthly.	Youth's Companion.
Public Opinion.	

### NEWSPAPERS.

Atlanta Constitution.	Independent.
Boston Advertiser.	London Times.
Boston Commercial Bulletin.	Montreal Gazette.
Boston Globe.	New Orleans Picayune.
Boston Herald. Evening Edition.	New York Evening Post.
Boston Herald. Morning Edition.	New York Herald.
Boston Post.	New York Times.
Boston Transcript.	New York Tribune.
British American Citizen.†	New York World.
Brooklyn Eagle.	Newton Graphic.
Charleston News and Courier	Newton Journal.
Chicago Tribune.	Philadelphia Press.
Christian Leader.†	St. Louis Globe Democrat.
Christian Register.†	San Francisco Chronicle.
Cincinnati Commercial.	Saturday Evening Gazette.
Colorado Sun.	Springfield Republican.
Florida Times Union.	Washington Post.
Harper's Bazar	Woman's Journal.†
Harper's Weekly.	Zion's Herald.

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